

Approved Minutes

CROOKED LAKE TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING JULY 27, 2021

MEETING OF 03/09/21 WAS RECESSED TO THIS DATE, HELD AT EMERGENCY SERVICES BLDG.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by the Clerk.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Attendees were reminded that copies of the Agenda, Board of Audit Minutes, Road Report and the minutes from the 2020 Annual Meeting and 03/09/21 Annual Meeting were available on the table. They were also reminded to sign in.

Reminded attendees that only those eligible to vote in Crooked Lake Township, had residency, were eligible to vote tonight.

Tom Pierce was nominated and elected Moderator, all were offered copies of agenda, dispensed with reading of Agenda.

Mark Skjolsvik asked the family of Lenny Lang to come forward and presented a plaque that will be placed on The Crooked Lake Township Citizen Recognition Board located in the Townhall, in honor of Lenny's contributions to the community. Kris Lang expressed gratitude to the citizens and The Board for honoring her late husband in this way.

Clerk read minutes from 03/10/20 Annual Meeting and 03/09/21 Annual Meeting.

MOTION JACK SCHULLER, 2ND DEE LINDEMAN-SMITH TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 10, 2020 ANNUAL MEETING. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION DAVID THOMPSON, 2ND JACK SCHULLER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 9, 2021 ANNUAL MEETING. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

The Clerk read 2021 Board of Audit Report from Board minutes of 02/11/21: A random number of receipt and disbursement transactions were cross-checked between Treasurer books and Clerk books. MOTION GLASS, 2ND BENNINGTON TO ACCEPT THAT THE TOWN BOARD SUPERVISORS REVIEWED DISBURSEMENTS AND RECEIPTS, AND TREASURER REGISTER MATCHED CLERK REGISTER. NO DISCREPANCIES WERE NOTED. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

AIS Report was given by Gary Langer, AIS Committee Chairman. Committee is thankful for CLT support of AIS efforts. Currently we have 9 active members including RALALA, LWA and area residents. CLT AIS committee modified the treatment expenditure plan. Explained 2020 treatment of Eurasian watermilfoil for Lake Washburn and Roosevelt Lake. The committee discussed various initiatives to include efforts to increase lakes water quality. The project at Luschers Park to plant native habitat at the shoreline was completed August 2020. The name was changed from CLT AIS to CLT Lakes and Shores Committee. A table at the Corn Feed will highlight, "Get The Lead Out" to reduce loon deaths.

Outing Quick Response Report was given by Chief Terri Datzman. They had 103 calls for emergency medical care with average of 4 responders answering each call. This is almost twice and many as the previous year, and 25% increase over previous highest year, we've been busy. They currently have 10 members, and CLVFD members Dan Lang and Jason Roos are hoping to take the EMR course this fall.

Fire Department Report was given by Chief Nick Usherwood. They had 2 new members join this year, Dan Lang and Jason Roos. They purchased a government surplus 2012 General Dynamics M1161 Growler and finished building it to use as a search and rescue rig. It is capable also of quick attack operations, wildland fire operations, and by 1st Responders to transport personnel in and patients out from remote areas. Thanks to many that donated and helped build: Enbridge, MN DNR, Quality Fabrication, Lambert Water Wells, Brandl Motors – Aitken, Bishop Transmission, Canvas Tech, Crosslake Canvas. Facebook page is up and running, check it out!

CLVFD Pension Fund Report was given by Brian Palkovich. They were able to add Diner Chicken Shack, Outing Lake Country Grocery and The Village Inn (when it opens) to charitable gambling. Pension Fund at Wealth Management balance 12/31/20 is \$312,474.10. Members of Outing Quick Response were voted in, joining the pension fund.

Outing Volunteer Library Report was given by Carol Pierce. We've been around now for 18 years, 8 in our beautiful facility. The library is self-supported by book donations and the annual book sale, which will be Saturday of Labor Day weekend. Utilities and material costs are rising. People continue to use and love the library.

Chamber of Commerce Report was given by Brian Palkovich. About 2 million was spent on gambling at Pickled Loon and The Log Cabin Bar, with 1.68 million going back to buyer. Outing Area Chamber of Commerce had to close during Covid, but continue to donate back to the community.

Emergency Operations Report given by Mark Skjolsvik. CLT would like to recognize the OQR and CLVFD in their response to emergencies in the community. Over the last 4 years, Crooked Lake Township residents should be proud of the progress CLT has made addressing Emergency Management needs, we have a functional complex including the Emergency Services Building and Townhall having backup power. The old warning sirens had become obsolete and new ones were installed 2021 that communicate with Cass County severe weather warnings.

Road Ambassador Report by given by Mark Skjolsvik. This program is still running and is self-sustaining. Some members are no longer with the program, some new ones have been added. If interested in becoming a Road Ambassador, contact Mark.

MOTION LLOYD THYEN, 2ND KEITH ALQUIST, TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP TO CONTRACT WITH VARIOUS NONPROFIT SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS UP TO \$2000.00 TOTAL WITH A LIMIT OF \$250.00 EACH. ORGANIZATIONS SHALL SERVE LOCAL NEEDS IN CROOKED LAKE TOWNSHIP AND THE IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING AREA. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Mark Skjolsvik stated the below Board recommendations for the levies for 2021 to be collected in 2022, noting that CLT has installed 2 new sirens, build a sand/salt storage building, a canister station building, leased a John Deere road grader, have already and still need to cover more costs of the Longwood Point bridge replacement, are looking at replacing the old silver building used for equipment storage and have other equipment needing replacement. Kirk Smith asked that the township also look at placing dust control on all township-maintained gravel roads. The desire to research and use a chemical that is environmentally friendly as well as getting a cost estimate was discussed.

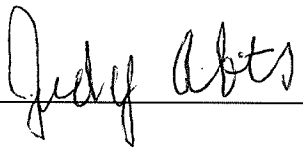
MOTION JERRY SHIELDS, 2ND DAVID THOMPSON TO APPROVE THE TOWN BOARD RECOMMENDATION FOR THE FOLLOWING LEVIES FOR 2021 TO BE COLLECTED IN 2022: GENERAL REVENUE \$177,000, ROAD & BRIDGE \$167,200 AND FIRE FUND \$87,400, FOR A TOTAL GENERAL LEVY OF \$431,600. THE AYES OUTNUMBERED THE NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION KIRK SMITH, 2ND CAROL PIERCE TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION THAT A COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF RESIDENTS AND BOARD LOOK INTO DUST ABATEMENT, THE CHEMICAL AND COST AND BRING THAT RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD AND TO THE 2022 ANNUAL MEETING. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

General Discussion/Business/Citizen Concerns: Dee Lindeman-Smith would like to thank our OQR 1st Responders, our Crooked Lake Volunteer Fire Department members, our Crooked Lake Volunteer Library, the citizens and the business owners who “were there for each other” during this last year.

MOTION RYAN HUETTL, 2ND JACK SCHULLER THAT THE 2022 ANNUAL MEETING BE HELD THE 2ND TUESDAY OF MARCH, 2022 AT 7:00PM AT THE CROOKED LAKE TOWN HALL. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION JERRY SHIELDS, 2ND RON LOHSE TO ADJOURN AT 8:18PM. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.



Moderator



Terri Datzman, Clerk, Crooked Lake Township

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