

Approved Minutes

CROOKED LAKE TOWN BOARD MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – August 12, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7PM and The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Members present: Jim Thielen, Connie Glass, Pat Bennington, Mark Skjolsvik, LeAnn Werner, and Terri Datzman. Member absent: Tim Donnay

Citizens present: Ron and Julie Lohse

Note: Meeting is being recorded and retained by the Clerk for minutes and will be deleted. Note: The Treasurer, CLVFD, OQR and Road Reports are now on agenda and are reviewed during meeting.

MOTION BENNINGTON, 2ND GLASS TO ACCEPT 7/08/21 MINUTES. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer Report: July beginning balance \$373,916.01+ receipts \$135,854.76 -disbursements \$125,755.39 (outstanding checks \$897.50) = ending balance \$384,912.88, balances to the bank.

CLVFD Report: Fire Chief, Nick Usherwood: incidents - Fire/Accident 2, Medical 7. Equipment: 633 went in to get tank and fenders repaired, was still leaking, was repaired and seems ok, 632 Got carburetor rebuilt due to running extremely rich, 631 had its annual pump testing done and had two valves repaired. Training: EVOc Driving Training and Ladder training. Fireman's Dance was a great success, thanks for everyone's support!

OQR Report: Chief Terri Datzman: calls - medical - 4, trauma - 2, lift assist - 2 for a total of 8. Training: checking equipment and rescue sled/truck equipment.

Mark Skjolsvik asked the sister of Richard Nelles, Ellen Leger, 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 Richard's contributions to the community. Ellen read a beautiful excerpt from her writing in *Porch Light*, Issue two "Beyond" entitled, "He's My Brother".

Jerry Shields, Jr. asked the board about citizens being able to drop brush, leaves, grass possibly at the old ballfield on Cty. 48. Concerns listed were, township unable to staff and monitor that garbage isn't dropped, CLVFD ability to burn safely, only used by township residents with commercial tree trimmers not dropping large loads. Mentioned was a trial period, restricted hours and days, or open a couple of times a year. Will revisit during September board meeting.

Road and Equipment Report: Craig and Bill both had their annual physical exams. Longwood Point Road update - MOTION BENNINGTON, 2ND GLASS TO APPROVE THE GRINDING OF THE REMAINING STUMPS AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$1350. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED. The Guys have done a lot of clean up for Stump removal on Longwood Point, had to replace the hose on the skid steer, Spurgin update: Usherwood and Bennington attended court hearing, no results back. Aster Trail update: discussed this land is a Road Parcel Ending in Lakes (RPEL), which makes it on non-maintained Crooked Lake Township Road. Board members and Usherwood looked at property. In past, residents putting equipment on parcels were asked to remove. Clerk to send a letter to resident at Aster Tr. asking that boat/equipment is moved off RPEL and a letter to individual who questioned the use of that piece of Board intent that grass/weeds may be trimmed, but that equipment should be moved off.

Usherwood asked Board to look at clothing allowance for maintenance employees. Discussion as to an annual full time worker amount, part time workers amount if needed at all, will revisit at September meeting. MOTION BENNINGTON, 2ND THIELEN THAT NICK USHERWOOD CAN SPEND UP TO \$200 TOWARD WORK CLOTHING, AND WITH RECEIPT, BE REIMBURSED. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Thielen attended Citizens Improvement Committee Meeting. Mission is to mark ATV trails, consider dust controls, place speed signs to slow traffic, and possible enforcement of speeds. They are working with Beulah and Emily as well. They will bring any proposals to CLT Board for approval.

Board looked at 5689-5693 Fehrs Rd. relocation of road resident request. Crooked Lake Township is not interested in widening the road at this time.

Added to the CLT Employee Policy under overtime section, MOTION GLASS, 2ND BENNINGTON TO ADOPT EMPLOYEE POLICY WITH LANGUAGE "FOR ANY SPECIAL EVENTS OR UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES, ADDITIONAL PAY PER HOUR EQUAL UP TO TIME AND HALF PER HOUR WAGE, CAN BE AUTHORIZED TO BE GIVEN TO ANY PART TIME EMPLOYEE WITH THE APPROVAL OF TWO SUPERVISORS". ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Glass has sent out Clean-up Day Report. Cost to Beulah Township was \$780.87, and billed to them. Cost to Crooked Lake Township was \$7720.87 for 2021. Might go higher if we get billed tip fees by landfill. Glass mentioned that in 2015, cost was \$3746 as a comparison of increased costs to CLT.

Regarding questions of who may use recycling bins and garbage drop off. Any person in or out of CLT may purchase orange bags and drop these during open business hours. The recycling bins should only be used by Cass County residents; however, we are unable to monitor all hours they are used.

MOTION BENNINGTON, 2ND THIELEN TO CONTRACT WITH EACH OF THE FOLLOWING SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS: (1)FIRST CALL 211, (2)CRISIS LINE AND REFERRAL SERVICE, (3)LAKES AREA DIVE TEAM, (4)SUPPORT WITHIN REACH, (5)FAITH IN ACTION FOR CASS COUNTY, (6)NORTHLAND FAMILY CENTER AND (7) FAMILY SAFETY NETWORK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250.00 EACH. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION GLASS, 2ND BENNINGTON TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2021-12 ACCEPTING ANONYMOUS DONATION FROM INDIVIDUAL OF \$500.00 TO CLVFD. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION SKJOLSVIK, 2ND GLASS TO AUTHORIZE LAKES AND SHORES TO PURCHASE A BANNER FOR "GET THE LEAD OUT" SIGN AT A COST OF \$338.10. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED. A survey bill should be coming soon.

Review of Annual Meeting: The levy increase CLT Board recommended was passed. A motion was made at the meeting to form a committee to look into dust control options for the entire township. Looking at cost and environmentally friendly materials. Skjolsvik recommended Glass head the committee, she accepted, and that Tom Pierce co-chair, that Lloyd Thyen, Kirk Smith and Pat Bennington participate. The committee should be prepared to bring their recommendation to the 2022 Annual meeting.

Supervisor Reports: **DONNAY**- I authorized a dumpster to get rid of the construction material piling up left and behind the maintenance building. It was reported the new siren by Washburn Lake did not work on the Wednesday test. The concrete work around the canister station is complete. I put the bill in LeAnn's box. Northland Building has completed the repair to the salt storage bldg. I have a request into the DNR for info. regarding RPEL regulations. Emergency Services Bldg. has upper storage area with no railing, MOTION DONNAY, 2ND GLASS TO PROCURE AND INSTALL RAILINGS ABOVE THE OFFICES IN THE EMERGENCY SERVICES BUILDING TO KEEP PEOPLE FROM FALLING AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$4000.00. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED. **SKJOLSVIK**- Regarding the siren not working, the radio that communicates with Cass County is on backorder. Will install when able. Received a letter from City of Emily regarding business running a hang glider. Permits weren't given and individual no longer in business at this time. **THIELEN**- Web page is updated, canister station working smoothly.

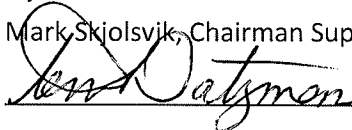
Clerk Report: Received a nice "thanks" from Lang family regarding presentation at Annual Meeting of Plaque for Lenny Lang placed on Citizen Recognition Board. Cass Cty. Redistricting and data collection delayed. Not due until 3/29/22. Enbridge update: Valve Site Work at Hwy 6 and CR-155, Clean-up of the work sites, Restoration of the ROW (Put back topsoil and re-seed), Hydro- Test the mainline pipe. (We will be notified of this activity). As of now it is scheduled for August 23. We should be completely finished in Crooked Lake Township area by end of September or 1st week in October. As far as protest activity it has been pretty quiet. They did have a walk one day and they walked the entire route. We do have some protest activity on other spreads and they are mainly at our HDD sites. The Daggett Brook HDD has been completed and that crew should be finishing up and working on cleanup.

MOTION GLASS, 2ND BENNINGTON TO AUTHORIZE AUGUST 2021 PAYROLL CHECK NUMBERS 19673-19684 TOTAL \$8,502.75, CLAIM NUMBERS 18743-18776 CHECK NUMBERS 19685,19689-19721 (VOIDED 19686-19688 PRINTER ERRORS) TOTAL \$57,396.39, ACH359 IRS MONTHLY PAYMENT \$1,973.19, ACH360 PERA MONTHLY PAYMENT \$1,358.14

MOTION BENNINGTON, 2ND GLASS TO ADJOURN AT 8:50PM. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.



Mark Skjolsvik, Chairman Supervisor, Crooked Lake Township



Terri Datzman, Clerk, Crooked Lake Township

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