

MINUTES OF CLITHERALL TOWNSHIP BOARD
November 5, 2009
EAGLE LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH
6:00 P.M.

The meeting of the Board of Clitherall Township opened at 6:15 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Chairman Donald Davenport.

Board members in attendance included Donald Davenport, Lyman Trutna, Dallas Grewe, Polly Berg and Jan Eitzen. Also in attendance was Jeff Stabnow, township engineer.

Approval of October Minutes:
Approval of the minutes will be postponed.

LADA: Leigh Shebeck gave an update to the board. Four businesses have looked to relocate or build a new business within Battle Lake. LADA is conducting training with the existing businesses, including Quickbooks. MN DEED will be hosting training sessions in January or February. Businesses within Clitherall Township are invited to attend. He is also drafting an email list of businesses whether they are members or not so they can stay informed. LADA wants to be a marketing tool for local businesses and events.

Leigh spoke of two projects. One is working with the school on leadership development and entrepreneurship for seniors. Also working with "Positively MN" and "DEEDS".

Davenport asked about the Small Cities Grant. Shebeck stated that we didn't meet some of the criteria and some of the deadlines were missed. Davenport asked if any of the four businesses needed the water and sewer. One business had asked, but is questionable, as he hasn't pursued purchasing land, etc. He was interested in a hotel/business center. Other businesses are a Subway, a Bethany Homes builder and a truck repair business. Shebeck is focusing on helping local business to make the area a stronger market and more appealing to new businesses. Battle Lake Lake Shore Association has asked LADA's help on a "water management" plan to protect the lake.

Davenport asked Shebeck about next steps for water and sewer. He stated that a plan should be put in place and the appropriate personnel. Davenport has continued discussions with Chuck Reeves from Battle Lake to continue to have joint planning sessions.

Davenport asked about the cost sharing for C & C consulting and the outstanding invoice. Shebeck was unaware of the situation. Davenport stated he had talked with Berg at the city and C&C had done some work.

If anyone has questions for Leigh, his email is Contact@LakesAreaDevelopment.org.

Committee Reports:

Motor Patrol: Financial outlook for the next year looks pretty good. The existing agreements will continue. The snow plow wheels put on last year were successful.

Fire Dept: A fire department meeting will be held Wednesday, November 25 at the Fire Hall. Trutna asked that the existing bill be paid.

Road Inspections: Trutna received a letter from residents asking that No Parking signs be put on township road 355th Avenue, sections 31 & 32 beginning at 160th and continuing approximately 1500 feet north on 355th. Vehicles with trailers park to gain access to the water restricting cars and farm machinery. The board will ask the county to come out to stake where the signs would be located. Motion by Trutna to install signs on each side of the road along that section of road, according to the counties recommendation. 2nd Grewe. MC/U. The letter was read to the residents.

Davenport asked about a beaver trapper along 405th. Grewe spoke with the game warden who stated the board could get a permit to trap out of season if needed for nuisance beavers. Trapping is currently in season. Trutna has lined up a trapper. Grewe will also talk with a trapper for the county.

Brushing: Trutna stated he thinks he is done brushing.

The board reviewed the letter from the county regarding seal coating in 2010 and declined.

Road Improvement Projects:

Antler Lane: Stabnow met with DNR (Terry Letcher) regarding sounding tests done at the site. They would allow twp to widen existing road beginning on the existing east side, 7' clear zone, plus 22' driving surface and then a 2 to 1 inslope to Lundeburg Lake. DNR also said the cattails could be mowed for short term maintenance. Davenport asked Stabnow to call Anderson to create drawings. Davenport will talk with Seeger about establishing a full 66' right of way. Stabnow will ask for DNRs report in writing.

South Clitherall Lake Road: Davenport stated next week we should have the appraisal.

Crane Lake Drive: Board went on an inspection. Three people were given permission by the county to put sewer and drain fields in the right of way. They don't have options for moving them. If the road were moved 33' it would clear up the right of way issue. The board will give the option to the home owners to move the road at the property owner's expense. Motion by Grewe to contact property owners regarding this option and gathering costs. 2nd Trutna. MC/U

FEMA: Trutna will call Doug Stahl (651-201-7432) tomorrow regarding 190th.

Culvert replacements: Christensen is trying to finish these up.

Statesboro: Per Grewe, county is still working on a proposal.

Engineering Report: Campground Road. Stabnow worked with Seeger regarding language for road move. Stabnow will finalize the documents for signature. Hearing is scheduled for December 3, 7:30, at Eagle Lake Lutheran Church.

Planning and Zoning:

The Zoning at Committee will plan to meet on Thursday, November 12, 2009. 7:00, at Carol Farr's house. Trutna will attend this meeting.

Townhall: Trutna spoke with residents regarding opposition. He stated that most he talked to weren't necessarily opposed to a townhall, they were concerned with the cost. He suggested that a "building committee" be formed. Davenport stated that he talked with John Everts about doing the specs. Everts informed him we needed a certified architect due to it being a public building. Davenport stated we could also use the specs used by another town hall that were developed by a certified architect. Trutna has some residents who have volunteered to be on a committee. Additional residents can volunteer to be on the committee. A notice will be posted in the next paper looking for additional volunteers. The board will see if they can find an existing townhall spec that will work. A resident also asked for more information about the vote in September.

Volunteers for building committee are:

Clinton Bengston

Bob Ehlert

Larry Nelson

Wayne Nelson

LADA:

C&C Consulting invoice. Davenport stated some of the work performed by C&C Consulting. Grewe suggested the township ask for another meeting between Clitherall Township and City of Battle Lake.

Town Line Agreements:

Davenport presented a proposal to discuss with Nidaros Township, but they did not attend the meeting as expected. He asked Trutna and Grewe to review the proposal prior to next meeting.

Motion by Trutna to recess to November 19. 2nd Grewe. MC/U. At 8:55, the meeting recessed to November 19.

Janet Eitzen, Clerk

CLITHERALL TOWNSHIP BOARD
Recessed meeting of November 19, 2009

The meeting of November 5, 2009, was reconvened by Chairman Donald Davenport at 6:30 p.m.

The Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion by Dallas Grewe, 2nd by Lyman Trutna. MPU.

Meeting w/the BL Fire Dept was changed to Wednesday, November 25, 2009 at the BL Fire Hall.

DNR permit for Antler Lane improvements was discussed. Terry Lecher is waiting for Jeff Stabnow to recommend fill requirements.

S Clitherall Lake Road Appraisal Update is pending.

Patrick Didier request a permit from Land and Resources to rip-rap shoreline from the creek over Ditch 16 westward. Land and Resources request a copy of the Clitherall Twp Board approving this. The Clitherall Lake Twp Board approves this, so long as the ditch is not rip-rapped.

Crane Lake Drive – still pending prior to legal advice. Sewer lines in the township right-of-way are a matter yet to be resolved. If the lines must be moved, then the board feels it's up to the property owners to deal with this at their own expense. This effects probably four property owners.

Town Line Agreements – Nidaros Twp members have not met w/this board. The board agreed that a meeting w/Nidaros Twp has to happen to get this resolved. A culvert under the road in question (405th St) could be an option. Without grant money from the state of MN, it's impossible to do a major reconstruction of this piece of road. Clitherall Twp Board members will try to arrange a meeting w/Nidaros Twp Board at their regular meeting place and time.

Dallas Grewe will attend the next meeting of the advisory board for the Zoning and Planning Committee. This meeting will be held on December 2, '09, at 7:00 p.m. at the Funeral Home in Battle Lake.

Culvert Additions at 365th Ave and Bonnie Beach Road have not been completed at this time by Christensen Construction.

Jeff Stabnow was unable to attend this meeting, so no update was available for Statesboro Road.

Lyman Trutna gave a FEMA update on 190th St. to try to find out why this road continues to flood. In order to get FEMA funds to elevate this road, an estimate of costs must be made, and solutions discussed. This could include a county engineering study.

The invoice for C&C Consulting for work completed was discussed. A discussion of economic development for the City of Battle Lake and surrounding townships ensued. Clitherall Twp made a verbal agreement to share the cost of this study. Everts and Clitherall Twp need to be involved w/the City of Battle Lake in any further discussion concerning economic development. Dallas Grewe feels that the invoice need not be paid until the City of Battle Lake makes a show of good faith in its dealings with the surrounding townships. Citizens of the township in attendance concurred.

Nancy Johnson of Crane Lake delivered a container of road debris collected along South Clitherall Lake Road from Crane Lake Road to Highway #5. Most of this debris appears to come from boat trailers and pickup hitches. Board members feel this is pretty typical for traffic on township roads.

Nancy Johnson asked if the board had approached the county about taking over So Clitherall Lake Road. Dallas Grewe replied that the county has no incentive to take over this road, as no other state or federal funds would come to the county to maintain and update this road.

A letter was received by the board from a property owner along So Clitherall Lake Road requesting the property in question be zoned Ag, and not Rural-Residential.

Bills submitted by the Treasurer were signed and will be submitted to the Treasurer by the Dep'y Clerk for payment.

A motion was made by Lyman Trutna to transfer funds from R & B to the Fire Fund in the amount of \$10,000.00. 2nd by Dallas Grewe. MPU.

A motion was made by Dallas Grewe to set the Hearing Date for Thursday, December 17, at 5:00 p.m., at which time the board will meet at 20092 Campground Road to inspect a proposed road site and abandonment of a vacated road.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. on a motion by Dallas Grewe, 2nd by Lyman Trutna. MPU.

J. Bruce Larson,
Dep'y Clerk