

ANNUAL MEETING OF
CLITHERALL TOWNSHIP – 2006

The Clitherall Township Annual Meeting was held Tuesday, March 14, following the annual township election at the Trefoldighed church. The meeting was called to order by clerk J. Bruce Larson at 8:05 p.m.

Clerk Larson led the pledge of Allegiance. Carl Carlson was elected moderator of the meeting. The notice of the annual meeting and election was read. Clerk Larson read the minutes of the 2005 Annual Meeting. Motion was made by Betty Davenport to accept the minutes as read. 2nd by Charles Brust. M/C. The 2005 treasurer's report was read. A motion was made by Charles Brust to accept the treasurer's report. 2nd by Connie Brust. M/C. Don Davenport commended Treasurer Polly Berg for a job well done.

ROAD REPORT

Lyman Trutna discussed graveling of township roads and amount of gravel applied in 2005. He presented a map and plan for graveling roads of the township and the anticipated cost of \$97,000.00.

Larry Nelson questioned who made the decision as to what roads are graveled and when. Trutna replied that roads must be graveled in June, and that bids will be taken at the next township meetings.

Trutna then discussed the flooding situation on 190th St. He felt that when the thaw begins, it will flood again.

Don Davenport then discussed road improvements in the township, and problems with township road right-of-ways, and the expense involved in correcting errors in a former survey. The courthouse has no records of some township roads that are currently being maintained by the township. Other road right-of-ways are not where they should be. So the township has received a low bid to re-survey the roads at a cost of over \$42,000.00. Davenport's plans calls for spreading out the cost over a period of time.

Davenport presented a 6 Year Long-term Plan proposal for maintenance and re-building of township roads as shown on a map and a spread sheet. He also spoke of a product called Base One that is much cheaper than asphalt, and could be used on smaller-scale to test its durability. If it proves to be all that it's claimed, then it could be used on larger projects. Davenport then demonstrated with the use of spreadsheets, various scenarios using different levy amounts, and what the outcome of each of these will be in determining an appropriate levy. Davenport described options which include spending less on roads, and having poor roads, or increasing the levy and long-term financing to operate at a modest increase in the levy and properly re-building and maintaining roads.

Davenport also discussed the appeal of an assessment on 189th St. and Quartz Rd. A summary judgment in favor of the township has been requested, and will be ruled upon throughout 2006. M.A.T. insurance covers the legal expense of the township. A resident of Peninsula Trail questioned what will happen if the road is on someone's property and doesn't follow the designated right-of-way. Davenport replied that adjustments will have to be made to place the right-of-way in such a way to minimize personal losses.

Trutna then discussed the assessment process. Trutna described how an assessment could be delayed, if the township pays for the assessment on property that has not yet been developed. The township could possibly recoup some of its money from the new buyer of an improved property.

Milton Lien inquired of the cost of 189th, Quartz Rd, Front St., and 190th and Country Estates Road. Treasurer Berg replied that all are paid for through assessments except Quartz and 189th, which still has a balance due, plus 10% interest charges on the accounts not paid to the township, and which will be assessed at the county on the individual tax statements. The interest will then be paid to the twp.

BATTLE LAKE MOTOR PATROL

Dallas Grewe reported on the BLMP. No new changes here. There has been some driver turnover.

BATTLE LAKE FIRE ASS'N

Don Davenport reported on the BLFA. It seems there is some discussion of the contract regarding employee liability, and the contracts with the townships. Income of BLFA income is based on property values, so the city of Battle Lake is getting by cheaper.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND ZONING ORDINANCE

Trutna spoke of the necessity of zoning and ordinances w/in the township. Community Growth Institute is working w/the township in cleaning up the current zoning ordinance.

Davenport asked for a motion to approve the 2007 levy proposal of \$230,000.00. Motion made by Homer Saetre to accept the levy. 2nd by Trutna. Discussion reveals this a 21% increase amounting to \$40,000.00 over the previous year. Surveying costs and damage of 190th due to flooding drive this type of increase. M/C.

A motion was made by Don Davenport that the twp look for long-term financing and report back to the electorate at another meeting. 2nd by Dick Oftedahl M/C.

Davenport moved that board be given permission to exceed the 2006 levy by short-term financing of \$30,000.00 over five years. 2nd by Connie Brust. M/C.

Report from the annual election:

33 votes cast

30 – supervisor: Lyman Trutna

1 ea – Kevin Anderson, Arlyn Hustad, Larry Nelson

32 – clerk: J. Bruce Larson

1 – Arlyn Hustad.

Homer Saetre moved, Lyman Trutna 2nd, to fund the OTC Historical Society \$300.00. M/C

Betty Davenport moved, Al Dombeck 2nd to fund the Battle Lake Rescue Squad \$2,000.00 M/C

Homer Saetre moved, Lyman Trutna 2nd to fund the Henning Ambulance \$367.27. M/C.

Connie Brust moved, Steve Berg 2nd to fund the BL Summer Rec Program \$250.00. M/C.

Lyman Trutna moved this meeting recess until July 15, 2006 at the Battle Lake City Council Chambers 9:00 A.M. 2nd by Connie Brust. M/C.

Polly Berg moved and Connie Burst 2nd the time and date for the 2007 Annual Clitherall Twp Meeting was set at the same time as this year's – polls open from 4 – 8 P.M, followed by the annual meeting on the second Tuesday of March, 2006 at the Trefoldighed Church. M/C.

Judy Carlson asked that the board will look in to meeting at a location that is handicap accessible.

At 9:55 P.M., Carl Carlson declared the meeting in recess until July 15, 2006, at the Battle Lake City Council Chambers at 9:00 A.M.

J. Bruce Larson, Clerk

The Annual Meeting was reconvened at 9:09 P.M. at the Battle Lake City Council Chambers Chairman Lyman Trutna. All board members were present.

Chairman Trutna discussed paving projects and the cost of fuel and oil, and how it's reflected in the price of blacktopping roads.

After some discussion regarding road improvements, Chairman Trutna then addressed the Twp Zoning Ordinance currently under study. Don Davenport described the process and benefits of adopting a new and more inclusive Zoning Plan, Davenport also informed those in attendance of the new meeting/polling

place at Eagle Lake Church. Trutna discussed a new posting place located at Eagle Lake Church that will contain postings of township meetings and postings. Trutna spoke of the need for new twp hall located on twp property located south of B.L.

Trutna briefly noted the on-going assessment appeal.

Trutna also mentioned the proposed annexation plans of the city of Battle Lake and Clitherall Twp, and why it's to the twp's benefit to remain an independent entity.

The board listened to complaints of residents living along, and using So. Clitherall Lake Rd, and the washboards and soft spots on this road. Trutna responded that the high traffic use is what's contributing to the damage to this, and other twp roads. Grewe discussed funding of So. Clitherall Lake Rd, and the difficulty of obtaining DNR funding across two twps. Trutna also discussed the new project called "Base One." Davenport added that the twp has plans to try this product on a twp road.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Davenport, 2nd by Grewe. M/C.

J. Bruce Larson, Clerk

