

Clitherall Township  
Annual Meeting  
March 8, 2011 8:05 p.m.  
Eagle Lake Lutheran Church

The Annual Meeting of Clitherall Township was held on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 following the closing of the polls. The meeting was called to order by Clerk Jan Eitzen at 8:10 p.m.

Clerk Eitzen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Eitzen called for nominations from the floor for the moderator of the meeting. Clinton Bengtson nominated Blaine Larson, 2nd. Motion by Clinton Bengtson to close the nominations, 2<sup>nd</sup>. MC. The Clerk then called for a vote. Blaine Larson elected moderator by show of hands. Blaine Larson took over as moderator.

Two adjustments were made to the agenda. Motion to approve the agenda by Jim Eitzen. 2<sup>nd</sup>. The agenda was approved.

Clerk Eitzen read the minutes from the Annual Meeting of 2010. The minutes need to be amended to state the meeting was “adjourned” not “recessed”. Motion by Trutna to approve the amended minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup>. MC

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Nelson presented the 2010 financial information included on the summary report.

Road Report: Supervisor Trutna presented the road projects for 2010. Trutna stated that 3700 yards of gravel were put on this year, but feels that twice as much should have been put on. Trutna suggest that 1/3 of the township be graveled each year, covering the entire township every three years.

He stated that 190<sup>th</sup> is still a problem. He suggests that possibly the problem may be diminished now that ditch 16 is flowing more freely. There is also a possibility that we may receive some FEMA money for this road.

Several culverts were replaced throughout the township, relieving some washout problems.

A resident suggested they take the clay out of the gravel. Trutna responded that the gravel has been inspected and tested by MDOT certified inspector for the last two years.

Another resident asked about how much the board wants to raise 190<sup>th</sup>. Trutna responded that they are still trying to figure that out and are hoping the water table will lower and resolve some problems.

Battle Lake Motor Patrol: Supervisor Bengtson gave a short report on the BLMP. No questions.

Battle Lake Fire Association: Supervisor Trutna gave a short report on Fire Association. He reported that a new joint powers agreement was set up between Battle Lake City, and Everts, Amor and Clitherall townships. A fund is set up for equipment replacement and another fund is set up for a building. He discussed possible building locations. Rescue

squad is now merged with Fire. Next year, Fire and Rescue will cost the township \$18850.97.

Sign Mandate: Supervisor Grewe introduced Jeff Stabnow to present information about the federal sign mandate. Townships are required to have procedures and policies in place by January 2012. By 2015, road signs need to meet the new reflectivity guidelines. By 2018, all signs, including street signs need to be replaced. Sign posts need to be crash compliant by 2013. Currently, Clitherall township has 315 signs and close to half may not be necessary for various reasons. Stabnow will be presenting a recommended replacement policy for the board. A resident asked for a ball park figure for sign replacement. Stabnow stated about \$150 per sign.

Chloride: Supervisor Grewe introduced Jim Carlson who spoke to the residents about chloride on the roads to keep dust down. He stated that if people request the chloride as a group, the cost can be reduced, possibly up to half. He suggested that the township coordinate this activity on behalf of the residents. This proposal will be discussed by the town board at the next meeting.

Gopher Policy: Supervisor Bengtson directed residents to read the new gopher policy enacted by the board.

Zoning Ordinance: The Zoning Committee completed their recommendations. The board is reviewing the recommendations. Hearings will be scheduled. Residents suggest that notice be sent in the mail to residents. The proposal will be posted on-line when it is in appropriate format. Motion by Roger Specht to send out hearing notices for zoning by mail to residents. 2<sup>nd</sup>. MC.

Financial Plan: Treasurer Nelson presented a four year financial plan.

Levies

Motion by Grewe to set the levy for 2012 at \$345,000 with General Fund - \$50,000; Road and Bridge Fund - \$235,000; and Fire Fund - \$20,000; and Town Hall Capital Reserve Account \$40,000 . 2<sup>nd</sup>

Residents and the board discussed specifics of the loans and upcoming yearly expenses.

Chair called for a vote to approve the proposed levy for 2012. The chair states that the motion passed.

Contributions: Motion by Homer Saetre to recommend to the board to give the same contributions as last year. 2<sup>nd</sup>. MC

Township Officer Election Summary

Total Voters: 111

Supervisor (3 year term):

Kevin Jon Anderson: 11

Dallas Grewe: 63  
Kurt Maethner: 36  
Don Davenport: 1

Treasurer (2 year term):  
Linda Nelson: 84  
Jean Boyum: 2  
Joe Scanlon: 1  
Carol Stewart: 1  
Gail Hustad: 1  
Jan Eitzen: 1

Annual Meeting for 2011 set for Tuesday, March 13, 2012 beginning at 8:05 p.m. at Eagle Lake Lutheran Church.

Motion by Dale Cameron to adjourn the annual meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Chair called for a vote and declared the motion passed.

Annual meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.