

MINUTES OF CLITHERALL TOWNSHIP BOARD
EAGLE LAKE CHURCH
THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2008
7:30 P.M.

The January, '08 monthly meeting of the Clitherall Township Board was called to order by Vice-Chairman Lyman Trutna at 7:35 P.M. at Eagle Lake Church on Thursday, January 17, 2008. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Lyman Trutna. All board members were present except Chairman Donald Davenport. His wife is ill.

The Minutes of the December board meeting were approved on a motion by Dallas Grewe, 2nd by Lyman Trutna. M/CU.

Treasurer's Report for Dec 1 – Dec 30, '07 were approved on a motion by Dallas Grewe, 2nd by Trutna. M/CU.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Motor Patrol Report: Dallas Grewe: Nothing new to report.

Fire Department Report: Lyman Trutna: Getting serious about a building fund. Fire Dept Members will have to increase their contributions significantly. There will be no wage increase, as this could jeopardize the current volunteer status.

Road Inspection Report: Concern for spring break up of twp roads expressed. Last fall was dry, so it may not be a problem this spring.

Engineer's Report: Engineer Stabnow spoke of completion of survey completion.

Jerry Condiff, Front St., Battle Lake, had a question re the proposed township zoning map and where Land and Resource jurisdiction begins and ends.

City of Battle Lake, Everts & Clitherall Townships Economic Development: currently writing a mission statement, and intend to pursue and attract other business interests and developments, as well as preserving and supporting current businesses. Lyman Trutna and Donald Davenport will be attending these meetings as they are scheduled.

Clitherall Township Financial Plan: Tabled. Chairman Donald Davenport will make this presentation at the next meeting.

Antler Trail runoff Problem: When survey is complete, this will be inspected, and properly recorded.

Quartz Road Ditch Repair: Permits couldn't be obtained in time to fix this last fall, but Don Schmidt will work on this as soon as possible in the spring.

Survey of So. Clitherall Lake Road will be done by Anderson Surveying in the spring. Included will be Crane Lake Road, and the legal description of the former Carl Christianson property.

Upgrade on Statesboro: This will be done when the R/W Hearing and inspection is completed February 7th. There are problems w/properly recorded Right-of-Way into Girard Twp. Girard Twp needs to get their roads properly recorded prior to getting a Joint Power Agreement.

At this point, Chairman Donald Davenport appeared and took charge of the meeting. He clarified the R/W Hearing and the process whereby the roads in question can be properly recorded.

Chairman Davenport then addressed shortcomings in the current zoning document. Att'y Nate Seeger noted inconsistencies in the proposed zoning ordinance. Some language needs to be clarified and made meaningful.

A discussion of the payment of animal bounties followed. The clerk was directed to contact M.A.T. attorneys to ascertain whether or not the township can place a bounty on beaver, and also to discover if the Office of the Auditor of Otter Tail County reimburses the township for gophers trapped in Clitherall Township.

Chairman Davenport found that maintaining County Ditches is assessed to the beneficiaries of the ditch to include townships, counties, state as well as property owners benefiting from the ditch.

At this point, the treasurer presented the Annual Township Report or Audit to the board for their inspection.

Lyman Trutna made a motion to pay the bills. 2nd by Dallas Grewe. M/CU. Bills were paid beginning w/check #3774 and ending w/check #3797.

Dallas Grewe will be the Township Weed Inspector for 2008. Paperwork will be forwarded to the county Land and Resource, Randy Wasvick. A copy will be filed in township files.

At 10:10 P.M., the meeting was recessed until January 31, Thursday, at Eagle Lake Church at 6:30 P.M. to discuss the new township ordinance and projected financial plan to be presented at the Annual Meeting on a motion made by Dallas Grewe. 2nd by Lyman. M/CU.

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The meeting was reconvened at 7:30 P.M. at Eagle Lake Church by Chairman Donald Davenport. Absent were Lyman Trutna and Polly Berg.

Discussed were possibilities for twp rights-of-way along State Highway #210 to provide for a frontage road for commercial developments.

Township residents appeared and voiced concerns regarding the zoning maps and acreage requirements for land zoned Agricultural and Agricultural Residential for the various options available w/the zoning plan as it stands up to this point.

Twp website is up. Email address is not known right now.

The current comments made by att'y Nate Seeger were reviewed. Suggestions made, and, in most cases, Att'y Seeger and Ben Oleson of CGI will be asked to work out errors and inconsistencies in language.

At 9:20 P.M. Dallas Grewe made a motion by to adjourn. 2nd by Donald Davenport. M/CU.

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