

Clitherall Township
Regular Monthly Meeting
May 9, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Clitherall Township Board was called to order by Chairman Craig Bengtson at 7:00 pm at Battle Lake City Hall. The following board members were present: Craig Bengtson, Kevin Anderson, Tom Frank, Becky Cox, and Linda Nelson as Deputy Treasurer. Kari Miller and several community members were also present.

Proposed agenda was presented and approved (Frank/Anderson). Motion carried unopposed.

Clerk's Report: Mail and correspondence presented for review. Cox reported that she applied for a \$1405 reimbursement for election judge costs incurred at the Presidential Nomination Primary in March. Cox informed the Board that she has named Debbie Irmen from Girard Township as her deputy clerk.

Appointment of Treasurer: Motion to appoint Kari Miller as Treasurer, to fill out the term ending in March 2025 (Frank/Anderson). Motion carried unopposed. A Certificate of Appointment was presented to Kari and the oath of office administered.

Treasurer's Report: Nelson gave the April Financial Report. Grand total of all accounts: \$281,901.86. Motion to approve report (Anderson/Frank). Motion carried unopposed.

Nelson recommended considering the transfer of money from the General Fund to the Road & Bridge account in December so that Road & Bridge balance is not continually a negative number.

Motion to approve payment of check numbers 7194 through 7207 in the amount of \$10,088.89 (Frank/Anderson). Motion carried unopposed.

Discussion regarding interest rates on a 6-month CD versus the rate we are earning on our money market account. Motion to purchase a \$50,000 6-month CD (Frank/Anderson). Motion carried unopposed.

Discussion regarding procedure at First National Bank to transfer money between our accounts.

Motion to authorize Kari Miller to become the treasurer on all township bank accounts, and to remove Miranda Van Santen from the accounts (Frank/Bengtson). Motion carried unopposed.

Open Forum for Public Comment: Sparky Chase requested a permit for a 12x16 sign.

Motor Patrol: Nothing to report.

Fire Department: Wildlife matching grant was approved; no word on the other two grants applied for. Discussion of new OSHA requirements.

Road Report: Frank reported on asphalt repair needs on Quartz Road and 189th. Frank will obtain a quote. Discussion regarding ditch work on 160th Street east of County Highway 47.

Planning Commission: Nothing to report.

Veteran's Park: Clinton testified before the State Legislature to request funding for the park from the Legacy Fund. Representative Tom Murphy also attended the session.

Building Permits: One permit issued for a shed on Antler Lane (Flack) and one for a sign on Highway 210 (Chase).

Approach Permits: None.

Old business: Frank reported on the location of fiber optic lines and pedestals being installed by CNS

Discussion regarding brush and grass cutting quote received from Doug Johnson.

New business: Discussion regarding an easement issue on a trail on Township Road 815 that has never been maintained by the township. Bengtson will gather more information from the county.

Motion to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes dated May 9, 2024, as written. (Frank/Anderson). Motion carried unopposed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Cox
Clitherall Township Clerk