

**Cedar Lake Township
Monthly Meeting Minutes**

Monday September 11, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.
St. Patrick's Social Hall, 24425 Old Hwy 13 Blvd., Jordan, MN 55352

Call to Order/Pledge by Supervisor, Joe Lambrecht at 7:00PM.

Cedar Lake Township Officers Present: Chair, Joe Lambrecht Vice-Chair, Marlene Reineke
Supervisor, Matt Hegge Clerk, Tery Mahowald Treasurer, Robin Lichtblau

Also Present: Allen Svoboda, Veda Kanitz, Rick Jones, Norm Sticha, Kelly Buvarp, Dan Buvarp, Adam Cornell, Thomas Pich, Cathy Pich, Dan Enger

August meeting minutes were approved by a motion by Supervisor Marlene Reineke and second by Matt Hegge, all in favor, (3-0) motion carried.

Introductions, Presentations, Proclamations, Awards and Public Comments

(Individuals may address the Township Board about any non-agenda item of concern. Speakers must state their name, address and limit their remarks to three minutes. The Township Board will not take official action on these items, but may refer the matter to staff for a future report or direct that the matter be scheduled for a future meeting agenda.)

Business from the Floor:

- Veda Kanitz presented the Free Well Water Testing Fair to be held on September 30th. 1115 postcards were sent to the Cedar Lake Township residents and she is asking for a partial or full reimbursement of the postage. Supervisor Matt Hegge made a motion to submit payment of \$570.00 for the postage. Supervisor Marlene Reineke seconded the motion, all in favor, (3-0) motion carried.
- Several residents including Allen Svoboda, Norm Sticha, Dan Enger, had questions about the property owners required Right of Way cleanup responsibility. They shared their frustration with the R.O.W. Resolution. All residents were informed of the 2024 Annual Town Hall Meeting to be held on March 12, 2024 and are encouraged to attend.
- Adam Cornell asked why there is not a speed limit sign on Meadow Lane. There is a cluster of 8 homes in a small area and would like a sign to slow down the traffic.

Commissioner Tom Wolf's Report: None

New Business:

1. Culvert Replacement Proposal @ 235th St E – (east of Panama Avenue)
 - a. Bid was given to Mark's Bobcat Services, Inc
2. MnDot Local Road Improvement (LRIP)
 - a. Currently Cedar Lake Township does not have any roads that meet the criteria for the project.
3. Scott County Web Portal
 - a. Treasurer Robin Lichtblau provided the login information for the Scott County Public Web Portal.

Old Business:

- 1) Cedar Lake Farm Regional Park/Cedar Lane Driveway Access – No Update
- 2) Discharge of Firearms – No Update
- 3) New Website
 - a. Received a price list from Leslie Rosedahl of Rosedahl Public Affairs to update the current website for \$250/page to adjust pages and create new ones. She will provide 30 minutes of free training to the administrators to create new pages, adjust text, colors, add pictures, etc. Treasurer Robin Lichtblau and Clerk Tery Mahowald will work with Leslie Rosedahl on redesigning the website.
 - b. Request for advertising on website – to discuss when redesigned website is complete.
- 4) CLT ROW Enforcement sign – signs will be ordered with the revisions
- 5) Deputy Treasurer/Deputy Clerk – Oath of Office
 - a. Clerk Tery Mahowald will extend a certificate of appointment to Lorie Speltz for Deputy Clerk.

- 6) Great River Energy for a Route Permit for the 115-kV Cedar Lake Transmission Line Reroute
 - a. Opposition letter dated 8-14-2023 – No response from Great River Energy regarding the opposition letter.

Road Report:

- 1) Jonquil Avenue – Maintenance shared with New Market Township – need a formal road agreement.
 - a. Commissioner Tom Wolf is aware of the need for a formal road agreement, he will be working with both townships to complete a satisfactory agreement. An invoice dated 8-8-23 for Shared Road Expenses (1/2 gravel cost) of \$9422.68 was sent to Elko New Market Township for payment.
- 2) MVEC – update on brush and trees under MVEC lines and in Township ROW
 - a. Marlene has been reaching out to MVEC – she is waiting for an update on the brush and trees under MVEC lines.

Clerks Correspondence:

- 1) Scott County 2023 Cedar Lake Township Certified Road Mileage Report
 - a. Any additions or deletions – the supervisors will review the map/list of roads and report back at the 10-2-23 meeting.
- 2) Xcel Energy Proposed Transmission Line Project
 - a. Xcel Energy is proposing to add a second circuit to the portion of an existing transmission line so they would be installing an additional transmission circuit on existing transmission towers.
- 3) New Prague School District Special Election on Tuesday, November 7, 2023
 - a. St Patrick Social Hall will be the polling place for the Special Election.
- 4) Additional Mini Storage unit costs
 - a. The township board will not rent an additional storage unit.
- 5) Couri & Ruppe – rate increase as of 1-1-2024
 - a. Rate increases: \$265/hour for all general legal work and \$290/hour for all development work.
- 6) Shallow Lakes Seminar on 10-11-2023 (RSVP required)

Treasurer's Report:

Given by Treasurer, Robin Lichtblau, September 8, 2023 ending bank balance \$379,339.69.

Approval of Disbursements: Chair Joe Lambrecht made a motion to approve Warrant of Claims #21082-21096, Auto Claims #917-918 totaling \$99,810.83. Supervisor, Marlene Reineke second motion, all in favor; (3-0) motion carried.

Adjourn Meeting: – as there was no further business, Supervisor, Marlene Reineke made motion to adjourn the September 11, 2023, meeting at 8:35 pm, Supervisor Matt Hegge second, all in favor, (3-0) motion carried.