

**TOWNSHIP OF CLAY  
CLAY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2014, 7:00 PM  
MANTRAP VALLEY CONSERVATION CLUB  
PARK RAPIDS, MN**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** The September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Meeting of the Clay Township Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Andy Kietzman, and those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. ROLL CALL:** Present: Supervisors Andy Kietzman, Norm Leistikow, and Jeff Haukebo, Treasurer Del Holz, and Clerk Margie Vik. Absent: None. Others Present: Chuck Backus.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** A motion was made by Kietzman, seconded by Leistikow, and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as presented.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**A. Clay Township Regular Meeting Minutes-July 23, 2014:** A motion was made by Leistikow, seconded by Kietzman, and unanimously carried to approve the Clay Township Regular Meeting Minutes for July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014.

**B. Clay Township Annual Meeting Minutes-July 23, 2014:** A motion was made by Leistikow, seconded by Kietzman, and unanimously carried to approve the Clay Township Annual Meeting Minutes for July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014.

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Chuck Backus:** Backus stated an RV Group purchased the land next to him. They wanted to go forward to develop 99 units. The county discouraged that plan because the bluffs are too steep. I have had a cash offer on my property and I'm going to meet with him. I'd like to get a group of people who are like minded that would save the lake from over development. He questioned if the board had heard anything regarding the old Val Chatel property. He added he'd like to see one family buy it but there would be so much demolition costs. Leistikow stated the county environmental office sent a preliminary plat for the board's review which involved splitting the property into five to six lots, but it's not going so good because of the bluff impact zones. Backus stated he would be heading to Florida in two weeks.

**B. Nitrate Clinic:** Kietzman stated the Hubbard County Soil and Water Conservation District is offering a Free Nitrate Clinic. According to their analysis Clay Township has one of the lowest nitrate readings in the county. There are no nitrate issues here.

**C. Hubbard County Sheriff:** Vik stated the board received a letter from Hubbard County Sheriff Cory Aukes requesting that the Clay Township Supervisors write a letter to the county board asking them to reconsider the issue of funding for a new investigator. This is a request which they have already rejected. Haukebo stated other counties are mentioned in the letter, yet there are still some unanswered questions at this point. **The board took no action at this time.**

**6. OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. Election Terms:** Kietzman questioned if the board was going to write a letter explaining why we're asking to change the election terms and if we could obtain a list of the registered voters in the township. Vik stated the roster is private information. Leistikow suggested publishing a letter in the Enterprise. Haukebo suggested using the township's website. Vik stated that she hadn't had the time to look at the website. Holz volunteered to see if he could figure out how to post items to it. Haukebo stated it would make more sense to hire a professional to post to the website. Del stated he knew someone that does that type of work and that he would ask her for a quote.

**7. APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT:** Holz stated he received interest in the amount of \$23.41 and \$24.00, the June tax settlement in the amount of \$29,723.90, the payment in lieu of taxes in the amount of \$1,811.94, township aid in the amount of \$719.00, and \$6.00 for filing fees. The checking account balance is \$633.77, and the money market balance is \$95,345.51. \$23,000.00 is being held in a dedicated building fund. The total useable funds are \$72,979.28. All checks have cleared the bank. The outstanding invoices for this month are for Cumber Construction for \$16,217.50 and the Enterprise for \$183.75. Total payables are \$16,401.25.

Holz questioned if he should send the remaining escrow money back to Verizon. **A motion was made by Kietzman, seconded by Leistikow, and unanimously carried to refund the remaining escrow funds to Verizon.**

**A motion was made by Kietzman, seconded by Haukebo, and unanimously carried to approve the treasurer's report and to pay the outstanding invoices.**

**8. ADJOURNMENT:** **A motion was made by Leistikow, seconded by Haukebo, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.**

ATTEST:

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Chair Andy Kietzman

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Margie M. Vik  
Township Clerk