

**Clear Lake Association Meeting Minutes  
September 4, 2021**

I. CALL TO ORDER: 10:00 am

II. OFFICER ROLL CALL

President-Chris Berke-present

Vice President-Bob Fagan-present

Treasurer- Scott Palma-present

Secretary-Christine Berke-present

Members-at-Large: Cheryl Courtney-presesnt Nick Zoa-present

22 residents in attendance

III. READING OF LAST MEETING MINUTES:

Minutes from September 5, 2020 were read

Moved and seconded to accept minutes from September 5, 2020

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Scott Palma gave treasurer's report/Moved to accept and seconded

Balance from 9/5/2020	\$3,617.09
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Income: dues paid since 9/02/2020	\$ 305.00
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Fireworks	\$ 325.00
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Fish Fund	\$ 30.00
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Adjust	\$ 43.57
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Expenses: 2020 Meeting	\$ 0.00
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Bank Fees	\$ 51.00
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Riparian	\$ 142.00
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Go Fund Me Expense	\$ 0.00
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Fireworks	\$ 500.00
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Total:	\$ 693.00
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Balance	\$3,627.66
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Accounts: Cash	\$2,902.66
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Fishing Fund	\$ 725.00
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Fireworks	\$ 0.00
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Total:	\$3,627.66
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## V. OLD Business

Review of the plant control program

-water level is much lower now, 21 inch difference from 2020 to 2021; Four inches down since beginning of the summer

-weed growth looked like it was going to be really bad, but overall is not in bad shape

-Muskrats

-43 muskrats were trapped in the Fall of 2020

-Fireworks 2021

-great success and boat parade happened; we had 16 boats and two paddle boats

-Board contributed total of \$500 to this year's fireworks

-Fish Fund

-Sean Kelly gave a report of his research of which fish species would be best to plant in our lake.

-interviewed folks that come in to fish

-spoke with Mark from the DNR about why the fish are so small; small lake can stunt fish growth

-He plans to put hybrid bluegills among other fish species

A motion came on the floor to move forward on fish planting in the Clear Lake. It was seconded and passed.

## VI. NEW BUSINESS:

-Special Assessment District

-Treated 9.5 acres in June and in August treated 11 acres

-June treatment was \$4,4129.00/August treatment was \$5,402.97

-Harvesting: We have an overabundance of native weeds.

Chris made a presentation about Harvesting. If we elect to harvest the native weeds, the harvesting bids begin during the winter season. The contract would have to be awarded and approved by the Township. The plan would be to cut near the docks on the west end. The focus would be more on the east end. The cost of doing 20 acres is \$10,000. The harvesting happens once a year, usually in July. Cost includes the removal of the biomass. The idea is to keep the boating lanes open. Questions were raised

if residents could opt out of the process, will we keep the lily pads, and will there be a cost to the investigation?

-A motion was brought to the floor to pursue investigating harvesting and was seconded. Four opposed/majority ruled and motion passes to move forward into investigation. Chris will head this.

-A request was made to let residents know when the lake is going to be treated a week in advance, so families can plan for activities.

-Downed trees: up to owner to clean it up/good for spawning bluegills

-Fireworks 2022:

-The Curries are heading this up and is tentatively planned for Monday July 4th 2022

-Do we raise \$1,000 for this and not donate from our association fund?

-Ideas to raise funds are: Golf outing and a Gofund me page

-A move for Association to donate \$500 was brought to the floor and seconded. It was brought to a vote and passed.

-A move to start a permanent GoFundMe to help fund Fireworks sponsored by the Clear Lake Golf Club was brought to the floor and seconded. It was brought to a vote and passed.

-Muskrats 2022

-Mike Miller trapped before Carl Meissner last year. Carl stepped down from trapping. Mike will be trapping this year. He is the assistant fire chief for Colfax Township.

-Clear Lake website reminder: [Clearlake@zoa.com](mailto:Clearlake@zoa.com)

-Memorial recognition of those residents who have passed was given.

-Bog Fagan stepped down from Vice President. A Move was brought to the floor to replace Bob with Ryan Miller as new Vice President. It was seconded and passed. We thanked Bob for his years of dedication and service to the Clear Lake Association.

-Buoy will be stored at the Lovelands during the winter season. Small blue buoy will be placed to find where the stone obstacle is located when the big buoy is not in place.

VII. ANNUAL DUES: \$15 per year or \$25 for two years. Scott will accept dues at the end of the meeting.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: 11:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Christine Berke  
Clear Lake Association Secretary