

Regular Meeting  
August 16, 2017

Minutes Approved 9/20/17

The regular meeting of the Clearwater Township Board was called to order at 7:04 pm at the Clearwater Township Community Center by Trustee Dwight Seaman with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of board members: Barb Crambell-present; Dwight Seaman-present; Pat Hubble-present; Kathy Eldridge-present; Larry Niederstadt- not present. Also present were Marletta Day, as recording secretary, and 16 guests.

Motion by Hubble and seconded by Crambell, for Dwight Seaman to chair meeting, due to Niederstadt's absence. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Seaman and seconded by Crambell, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of July 19, 2017. All in favor. Motion passed.

**Declaration of Conflict of Interest:** No conflict.

**Public Comment:**

Pat Gray addressed the board. After 21 years as Deputy Clerk this is her last board meeting. Pat will be moving back to Battle Creek and will miss all. Several of the Board members commented on her achievements, stating that nearly everything around Rapid City has Pat's touch, from fund raisers, grants, sidewalks, flowers, street lights, flags, to restoration of the Little Red School House, and the list goes on. Pat will be missed very much.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Seaman, seconded by Eldridge, to approve agenda. All in favor. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Crambell reported: General Fund, all accounts, \$264,523.42; Public Improvement Fund, \$3,099.05; Road Improvement Fund, \$74,585.88; Fire Fund, \$209,563.01; Fire Equipment Fund, \$38,052.45; Tax Fund, \$229,892.51.

**Clerk's Report:** Motion by Eldridge, seconded by Crambell, paying bills from General Fund as presented, voucher #22788 through #22825.

Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Hubble-yes; Seaman-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

Eldridge requested approval, Motion by Hubble, seconded by Seaman, paying bills from Fire Fund as presented, voucher #7969 through #7979.

Roll call vote: Seaman-yes; Crambell-yes; Hubble-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

**Accountability Statement:** The treasurer balanced with the bank, and the clerk balanced with the treasurer.

**Sheriff's Report:** Under Sheriff Harry Shipp reported that Officer was on call, and would present monthly report next meeting. Officer Wagner informed board on savings and cost of radios for fire department.

Motion by Seaman, seconded by Hubble, to purchase (16) radios for \$2,494.00.

Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Seaman-yes; Hubble-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

**Fire Department Report:** Nothing to report.

**Hospital Report:** Reminder next Community Safe Sharps Disposal Day is September 13<sup>th</sup> at Kalkaska Memorial Health Center at the Main Entrance from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm.

**Parks and Recreation:** Pat Gray reported the new signs for Freedom Park and Township Hall were hand painted and installed.

**Planning Commission:** Eldridge reported the committee is working on different issue.

**Zoning Administration Report:** Seaman reviewed July monthly report, submitted by Guy Molby.

**Assessor Report:** No Report.

Presentation of a plaque to Pat Gray, in appreciation for service with the township, was followed by cake.

### **Old Business**

**Seeds Report:** Hubble reported Seed's crew did work around township, and was not pleased with work. Suggested next year to contact Sheriff's department inquiring to utilize the work crew.

**Update on Baggs Rd. and Wilhelm Rd.:** Eldridge reported that both roads have new pavement, and it looks really good.

**Fire Protection Agreement with Rapid River Township:** Motion by Crambell and seconded by Eldridge, to approve contract for \$11,447.00 covering the time period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. The amount is to be paid as a 1 time payment from Rapid River Township. Roll call vote: Hubble-yes; Seaman-yes; Crambell-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Crambell and seconded by Eldridge, to approve contract for \$17,170.50 covering the time period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. The amount is to be paid as a 1 time payment from Rapid River Township. This contract price represents the 1.5 mils that Clearwater Township residents already pay. Roll call vote: Hubble-yes; Eldridge-yes; Seaman-yes; Crambell-yes. Motion passed.

### **New Business**

**Definition of Structure:** Motion by Eldridge, seconded by Seaman, to approve Planning Commission's proposal to amend Article 5 of Zoning Ordinance 22, of the definition of STRUCTURE shall be: "Anything constructed or erected, the use of which requires a permanent location on or beneath the ground, or attachment to something on or beneath the ground." Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Hubble-yes; Seaman-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

**W. Plum Valley Rd: Federal Safety Funds Letter of Support:** Eldridge read letter that was sent to John Rogers, in support for funding, of West Plum Valley Road.

**Boundary Agreement:** Motion by Eldridge, seconded by Crambell, to renew Boundary Agreement with Jack and Birdell Berry and Clearwater Township to use for Freedom Park with no charge. Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Eldridge-yes; Seaman-yes; Hubble-yes. Motion passed.

**Hazardous Waste Drop-Off/Clean Up:** Hubble reported Kalkaska Conservation is collecting items up to 100 lbs for free at Kalkaska Middle School of September 9<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 3pm. Visit [www.kalkaskaconservation.org](http://www.kalkaskaconservation.org) and click on events for more details or call (231)258-3307.

**Heritage Park Dog Station:** Motion by Hubble, seconded by Crambell, to purchase a Doggie Station for Heritage Park up to \$300.

Roll call vote: Eldridge-yes; Seaman-yes; Crambell-yes; Hubble-yes. Motion passed.

**Fire Hall Building Committee Report:** Motion by Hubble, seconded by Crambell, to have Fire Department building inspected not to exceed \$3,000.00

Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Eldridge-yes; Seaman-yes; Hubble-yes. Motion passed.

**Public Comment:**

Tina Fields commented and thanked the board on a well ran meeting.

**Adjourned:**

Motion by Seaman to adjourn meeting and seconded by Crambell. All in favor. Motion passed ending meeting at 8:36 pm.

Respectively submitted by  
Marletta Day, Recording Secretary