

Regular Meeting  
January 18, 2017

Minutes approved 2-15-2017

The regular meeting of the Clearwater Township Board was called to order at 7:06pm at the Clearwater Township Community Center by Supervisor Niederstadt with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of board members: Larry Niederstadt-present; Barb Crambell-present; Dwight Seaman-present; Pat Hubble-present; Kathy Eldridge-present. Also present, Marletta Day, as recording secretary and 15 guests.

Moved by Seaman, seconded by Hubble, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of December 21, 2016. All in favor – Motion passed

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

**Public Comment:**

John Ferguson, Attorney for Mr. Umlor, provided the board with a 3<sup>rd</sup> option, for consideration, in dispute of property owner's violation.

**Approval of Agenda:** Moved by Niederstadt, seconded by Crambell, to approve agenda with addition; under New Business, Storage area in gym. All in favor. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Crambell reported: General Fund, all accounts, \$216,526.04; Public Improvement Fund, \$3,096.07; Road Improvement Fund, \$30,836.51; Fire Fund,\$165,198.61; Fire Equipment Fund, \$18,570.11; Tax Fund, \$152,267.81.

Moved by Crambell, seconded by Seaman, to accept the agreement for summer collection of school property taxes between Clearwater Township and Kalkaska Public Schools. The collection fee will be \$3.88 per parcel. The cost includes collecting the TBA Intermediate School District Summer Tax Levy.

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

**Clerk's Report:** Moved by Eldridge, seconded by Crambell, to approve paying bills from General Fund as presented, voucher #22432 through #22465.

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

Moved by Eldridge, seconded by Crambell, to approve paying bills from Fire Fund as presented, voucher #7832 through #7843.

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

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

**Sheriff's Report:** Officer Beaver reviewed monthly December report, and answered questions from the board and audience.

**Fire Department Report:** Chief West submitted a letter for Pat Gray to send to residents on Underhill & Dundas Roads regarding the weight reduction on the bridge.. Niederstadt reported township never received anything in writing and would call John Rogers to get information.

**Hospital Report:** No Report

**Parks and Recreation:** Moved by Hubble, seconded by Seaman, to allow Parks & Recreation up to \$1600 for the replacement banners for our light poles saying “ Welcome to Clearwater Township”.  
Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Eldridge-yes; Seaman-yes; Hubble-yes. Motion passed.

**Planning Commission:** Moved by Eldridge, seconded by Hubble, to send letter, researching M72 corridor, for opening area up to commercial business, and sending out public support survey.  
Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Seaman-yes; Hubble-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

**Zoning Administration Report:** Niederstadt reviewed monthly report for November & December.

### **Assessor Report: No Report**

### **Old Business**

**Consumers Power Resolution:** Moved by Hubble, seconded by Seaman, to have Larry Niederstadt and Kathy Eldridge sign a Resolution from Consumers Energy Company, Form 548 05-2014, and to get our money back.  
Roll call vote: Hubble-yes; Seaman-yes; Crambell-yes; Eldridge-yes; Niederstadt-yes. Motion passed.

**Zoning Administrator – Update:** Niederstadt reported speaking with Guy Mobly, stating he is doing much better than when he was in the hospital.

**Heritage Foundation Property- Update:** Moved by Seaman, seconded by Niederstadt, to give authorization to Larry Niederstadt to sign a Performance Resolution #2, MDOT form #207B, for sign on Heritage property.  
Roll call vote: Hubble-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Crambell-yes; Eldridge-yes; Seaman-yes. Motion passed.

**Baggs Road – Road Commission Update:** Niederstadt reported on Road Commission meeting. Stating that more information will be known when bids are submitted.

**Vlachos & Vlachos:** Niederstadt reported on a situation in 2008, when road was put through, property wasn't documented correctly, and attorney is waiting on paperwork.

**Umlor – Proposal:** Nicole Essad, attorney for Township, proposed a closed session with the board, to discuss options for current proposal. Mr. Ferguson, attorney for property owner answered question from board.

### **New Business**

**Board of Review Reappointments:** Moved by Niederstadt, seconded by Crambell, to reappoint 3 current members to Board of Review. Members are Carol Backers, Truman Bicum, and Robert Bergman.  
Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Seaman-yes; Hubble-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

**Truck:** Niederstadt informed the board the Township truck is 17 yrs old, and is in need of replacement. Plans to discuss will be held during the Budget Workshop.

**Storage Area in Gym:** Moved Eldridge, seconded by Crambell, to allow up to \$2200. for construction of a storage area in the gym, including lightening, a steel door and lock.  
Roll call vote: Niederstadt-yes; Crambell-yes; Seaman-yes; Hubble-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

**Budget Workshop Date:** Date of Feb 4, and 9am for Township Board Members to meet, discuss, and work on Township Budget Workshop was decided. All in favor.

**Public Comment:**

Jeff West stated concern over the bleachers in the Gym. He encouraged that they be replaced with portable foldable bleachers.

Bob Bergman reported he has made inquiries of several architectural engineering companies, who may be interested in looking at the township hall for renovations.. Niederstadt suggested he would reconvene the committee, and setup a meeting.

Moved by Hubble, seconded by Seaman to go into an Executive closed session meeting.  
All in favor. Motion passed.

Moved by Niederstadt, seconded by Eldridge, to call open session back to order.  
All in favor, motion passed.

Moved by Hubble, seconded by Seaman, to allow Nicole Essad, to go and approach Mr. Umlor's attorney, with our counter proposal to their proposal, that they gave us this evening.  
All in favor. Motion passed.

**Public Comment:** No comment.

**Adjourned:**

Moved by Niederstadt to adjourn meeting, seconded by Eldridge. All in favor. Motion passed, ending meeting at 9:03 pm.

Respectively submitted by  
Marletta Day, Recording Secretary