

Regular Meeting  
April 20, 2016

Minutes Approved May 18, 2016

The regular meeting of the Clearwater Township Board was called to order at 7:01pm at the Clearwater Township Community Center by Supervisor Niederstadt with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of board members: Barb Crambell-present; Larry Niederstadt-present; Grace Beland-present; Dwight Seaman-present; Kathy Eldridge-present. Also present, Marletta Day, recording secretary and 16 guests.

Moved by Beland, seconded by Niederstadt to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of March 16, 2016, with amended as follows. Fire Department Report, add Nothing to Report, due to being called on run, during the meeting. All in favor. Motion passed.

Moved by Seaman, seconded by Beland to approve the minutes from the budget meeting of March 16, 2016 . All in favor. Motion passed.

**Declaration of Conflict of Interest:** All in favor of no conflict.

**Public Comment:** Greg Payne, representative of TLPA, summarized latest legal action taken of known promoters for July 4<sup>th</sup> on the sand bar.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Crambell reported: General Fund, all accounts, \$268,341.30; Public Improvement Fund, \$3,091.16; Road Improvement Fund, \$134,393.19; Fire Fund,\$214,258.07; Fire Equipment Fund, \$55,565.83; Tax Fund, \$63.17.

**Clerk's Report:** Moved by Eldridge, seconded by Beland to approve paying bills from General Fund as presented, voucher #21896 through #21964. Roll call vote: Seaman-yes; Beland-yes; Crambell-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

Moved by Eldridge, seconded by Beland to approve paying bills from Fire Fund as presented, voucher #7655 through #7678.  
Roll call vote: Niederstadt-yes; Beland-yes; Crambell-yes; Seaman-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

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

**Sheriff's Report:** Sgt Eric Johnson informed board that Deputy Regan Foerster has been promoted to Detective. Sgt Johnson will be the officer in our area till one is appointed in approximately 2 weeks. Monthly activity report was reviewed.

**Fire Department Report:** Greg Bradley, Assistant Fire Chief, reported that two Life Saving Awards were presented to Eric Bradley and Ronetta Smith, which is both their 3<sup>rd</sup> award. Pancake breakfast was a success with approximately 140 to 160 people in attendance.

**Hospital Report:** Kalkaska Ambulance Director, Paramedic Joe Dupuie reported on the second quarterly event, Sharps Day, May 4<sup>th</sup>, held at main entrance at Kalkaska Memorial Hospital, 10am to 2pm, to turn in used needles and lances, in a hand-off container. Also stated the relationship with Fire

Department was still really good. The hours for the Ambulance in our area are 7am to 7pm for quick response time. EMS will still respond after those hours, just from Kalkaska.

**Parks and Recreation:** Niederstadt reported that Jeremy Morrison from McClains Hardware donated flags for the cemetery, for veterans.

**Planning Commission:** No report, due to family emergency.

**Zoning Administration Report:** Niederstadt reviewed report of complaints that have been handled by Guy Mobley, Zoning Administrator, for the month.

**Assessor Report:** No report.

### **Old Business**

**Umlor Violation - Update** – Niederstadt reported that property owner did not want to remove patio. Owner had applied for the permit, and was denied. Owner installed patio.

**Heritage Foundation Property - Update** - Niederstadt received a call from Mike Merriweather, removal from fallen trees is almost complete, and will have a final count in 2 weeks.

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Sandbar Committee Report:** TLPA urged Board to pass Mass Gathering ordinance. Niederstadt will coordinate with township attorney, Brian Graham, to meet and advise of legal action and possible suggestions.

**Road Millage – Language** - Moved by Niederstadt, seconded by Beland for federal funds to improve northern section of Valley Rd in Clearwater township. Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Seaman-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Beland-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

Moved by Niederstadt, seconded by Seaman, to spend \$120,000 on the Aarwood Road project this summer. The first \$80,000 paying for the wedge and cap of the first mile. The last \$40,000 will be used to work on the low area, designated by the engineer as having to be raised and repaved. This area is 1600 ft long, most likely the funding will not be able to do the rest of the road, even with the road commission providing their help. Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Seaman-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Beland-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

Moved by Eldridge, seconded by Niederstadt, to approve the ballot language attached to these minutes and to submit the proposal to the electors at the Aug 2, 2016 primary election. Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Seaman-yes; Beland-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

**Seeds Program** – Moved by Niederstadt, seconded by Crambell to spend \$3000 again this summer for the Seeds Worker Program. Roll call vote: Beland-yes; Seaman-yes; Crambell-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

**DNR Wake - Update** – Eldridge reported that a hearing has to be held, and faxed over the information.

### **New Business**

**Mowing Bid** - Sealed bids were opened, and discussed. Moved by Seaman, seconded by Niedersdadt to use Chain of Lakes for cemetery lawn service. Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Beland-yes; Eldridge-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Seaman-yes. Motion passed.

**Newsletter Approval** - Newsletters have been mailed out, and residents should be receiving.

**Bridge Park on Aarwood – Fence - Sign** - Moved by Eldridge, seconded by Seaman, Grace Beland to lead committee for the Abe Devol Park and sign. Greg Bradley and Pat Hubble volunteered will be on committee. First meeting will be at the Little Red School House on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

**Sign Amendment** - Moved by Niederstadt, seconded by Eldridge to accept and sign Amendment #5, proposed amendment to Article XII, to Ordinance #22. Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Eldridge-yes; Seaman-yes; Beland-yes. Motion passed

**Per Diem Policy** - Eldridge stated a policy is needed for guidelines, for per diem to be paid.

**Gaugler Property** - Moved by Niederstadt, seconded by Seaman to support application for a 303 Wetland Protection Act permits for lots six and seven. Applicant will offer parking for emergency vehicles during 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Roll call vote: Beland-no; Seaman-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Crambell-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

**Public Comment:**

Suggestion to limit all reports to 10 minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55pm.

Respectively submitted by  
Marletta Day, Recording Secretary