

Regular Meeting
December 16, 2015

Unapproved Draft Minutes

The regular meeting of the Clearwater Township Board was called to order at 7:02pm at the Clearwater Township Community Center by Supervisor Niederstadt with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of board members: Barbara Crambell – present; Larry Niederstadt - present; Grace Beland - present; Dwight Seaman- present; Kathy Eldridge - present. Also present, Pat Gray, recording secretary and 14 guests.

Moved by Seaman, seconded by Beland to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of Nov 18, 2015. All in favor. Motion passed.

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

Public Comment:

David Lawicki resident, encouraged the Board to take legal court action on patio issue with property owner, Umlor . Lawicki provided original approved plans for improvement, and owner did not follow approved plans.

Approval of Agenda: Additional item added to new business. Moved by Niederstadt, seconded by Eldridge to add under new business designation of road to be paved in 2016. All in favor – motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Crambell reported: General Fund, all accounts, \$203,790.26; Public Improvement Fund, \$3,089.45; Road Improvement Fund, \$27,217.40; Fire Fund,\$140,045.49; Fire Equipment Fund, \$39,476.05; Tax Fund, \$30835.33.

Clerk's Report: Moved by Eldridge, seconded by Niederstadt to approve paying bills from the General Fund as presented, voucher #21709 through 21750. Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Seaman-yes; Eldridge-yes; Beland-yes; Niederstadt-yes. Motion passed.

Moved by Eldridge, seconded by Niederstadt to approve paying bills from the Fire fund as presented, voucher #7566 through 7594. Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Seaman-yes; Beland-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

Moved by Eldridge, seconded by Niederstadt requesting board members approve an application from Marletta Day for recording secretary to take township board minutes at a rate of \$150.00 per meeting. Roll call vote: Seaman-no; Beland-no; Crambell-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

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

Zoning Administration Report: Niederstadt reviewed various complaints that have been handled by the Zoning Administrator in the past month.

Assessor Report: Dawn Kuhns reported studies have been completed with a minimal increase due to rate inflation of .3% per \$10,000 will be approximately \$1 increase. Tax Tribunal on a township resident case is still ongoing. Kuhns will discuss with board before accepting any settlement.

Sheriff's Report: Sherriff Foerster reviewed his monthly report of 41 calls from our area. Worth mentioning was 4 separate calls for larceny of fuel from Rapid City E-Z Mart, and home larceny of a TV on Pine Circle Drive.

Hospital Report: No report

Parks and Recreation: No report

Planning Commission: Eldridge reported unanimous approval from committee at the public hearing for deletion of specific wording in Article XIII of the zoning ordinance. The will be sending information to board.

Fire Department Report: Moved by Beland, seconded by Niederstadt to hire Silver Lake Engineering for a cost not to exceed \$500.00 for engineering services to look at expansion of the fire barn. Roll call vote: Seaman-yes; Beland-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Crambell-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

Moved by Beland seconded by Niederstadt to accept quote #20331 from Appollo Fire Equipment Co. in the amount of \$10,500.00 for Hurst hydraulic combination tool package and converter. Also quote #20325 from Appollo Fire Equipment in the amount of \$27,000.00 for electric cutter package, a spreader package, a telescope package and converter pak for a total of \$37,500.00 to come out of the Fire Equipment Fund. Roll call vote: Beland-yes; Seaman-yes; Crambell-yes; Eldridge-yes; Niederstadt-yes. Motion passed.

Old Business

Spending Resolution: Moved by Eldridge, seconded by Beland to approve Resolution #7 of 2015, the Purchasing Policy for Clearwater Township. Roll call vote: Niederstadt-yes; Seaman-yes; Beland-yes; Crambell-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

Physicals – Fire Department (Guidelines Vote): Moved by Seaman, seconded by Eldridge to accept the Fire Department Physical Guidelines. All in favor- motion passed.

Presentation on McNulty Hill Trees: Moved by Beland, seconded by Seaman to accept Antrim County's forester Mike Merriweather, proposal with the Clearwater Township Board having the final say on any and all contracts to clean up storm damage on the property on McNulty Hill. Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Seaman-yes; Beland-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

July 4th Sandbar Committee Report: Niederstadt reported talks were ongoing with John Rogers regarding a parking solution. With passing of Sheriff Devol, Niederstadt will contact new sheriff in January regarding the county parking policy .

Fire Hall Rental Situation: Niederstadt was informed member took it upon himself to host a gun safety class at the Fire Hall, and money had been paid a couple of times for use. Niederstadt will verify with member to whom money was paid. All requests for Fire Hall use are to be requested and approved thru board. Fire Dept reps requested writing a policy for board's approval, of use of building, for safety and security reasons.

Heritage Foundation: Jerry Cannon will be present at next meeting for update.

Umlor Patio Issue – Legal Opinion: Still seeking attorney’s advice on how to proceed with complaint.

New Business

Meeting with ITC: Niederstadt reported that ITC will be upgrading their electrical grid in the township.

Approval of Road to be done in 2016: Moved by Niederstadt, seconded by Crambell for Clearwater Township to wedge and cap Aarwood Trail from its beginning at Aarwood Rd. for 8/10 tenths of a mile up to a mile (past the curve before the boat launch) with extra work to alleviate water on the inside of the curve. Cost should not exceed \$120,000.00 for combined cost of wedge and cap and curve work. Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Beland-yes; Seaman-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

Wake Laws: Incorrect directive was given and will have to be redone with correct verbiage for DNR regulation.

Public Comment:

Resident reported at Monday’s School Board Meeting the committee is very determined and technology bond will be back up for vote in March.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marletta Day, Recording Secretary