

Regular Meeting
February 17, 2016

Minutes Approved March 16, 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 31 guests.

Moved by Seaman, seconded by Eldridge to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of Jan 20, 2016. All in favor. Motion passed.

Moved by Eldridge, seconded by Niederstadt to approve the minutes from the Budget work shop meeting. All in favor. Motion passed.

Public Comment:

Megan Williams, 9th grader and 4th graders; Adam, Cooper and Diane spoke about the issues with the current technology at this time implemented in the schools. They encouraged passing the Technology bond that is up for vote in March.

Approval of Agenda: All in favor to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Crambell reported: General Fund, all accounts, \$254,095.57; Public Improvement Fund, \$3,090.28; Road Improvement Fund, \$82,914.75; Fire Fund,\$183,832.84; Fire Equipment Fund, \$67,328.42; Tax Fund, \$67,604.09.

Moved by Crambell, seconded by Beland to accept the agreement between Elk Rapids Public Schools and Clearwater Township to collect the total school property taxes as certified by the School District for levy on July 1, 2016. The tax collection will be \$3.76 per parcel of taxable property for the cost of preparation of bills and collection of taxes. This fee is also to include the cost of collecting the Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District summer tax levy. Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Eldridge-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Beland-yes; Seaman-yes. Motion passed.

Clerk's Report: Moved by Eldridge, seconded by Seaman to approve paying bills from General Fund as presented, voucher #21806 through #21847. Roll call vote: Seaman-yes; Beland-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Crambell-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

Moved by Eldridge, seconded by Seaman to approve paying bills from Fire Fund as presented, voucher #7601a through #7633 Roll call vote: Niederstadt-yes; Beland-yes; Crambell-yes; Seaman-yes; Eldridge-yes. All in favor. Motion passed.

Moved by Niederstadt, seconded by Beland to accept the Copy of the Township, Planning Commission, Zoning board of Appeals meetings dates. All in favor. Motion passed.

Moved by Eldridge, seconded by Crambell Salary Resolution No. 2 of 2016 for the Supervisor pay increased from \$7500 to \$8500. Niederstadt recused from vote. Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Seaman-yes; Beland-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed. Resolution attached to original minutes.

Moved by Beland, seconded by Crambell Salary Resolution No. 3 of 2016 for the Clerk pay increased from \$12,000 to \$15,000. Eldridge recused from vote. Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Beland-yes; Seaman-yes. Motion passed. Resolution attached to original minutes.

Moved by Eldridge, seconded by Seaman Salary Resolution No. 4 for Treasurer pay increased from \$12,500 to \$13,700. Crambell recused from vote. Roll call vote: Eldridge-yes, Niederstadt-yes; Beland-yes; Seaman-yes. Motion passed. Resolution attached to original minutes.

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

Fire Department Report: Jeff West reported new equipment is in, and working well. Requesting a special meeting to discuss with board, the issues of standard operating guidelines of policy and procedures and physicals.

Moved by Beland, seconded by Seaman for Fireman Foster and Haggard to go to Fire Training in the amount of \$930.24 Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Eldridge-yes; Beland-yes; Seaman-yes; Niederstadt-yes. Motion passed.

Moved by Seaman, seconded by Niederstadt to have a special meeting to address the issues of physicals on Monday the Feb 22 at 7pm at Little Red School House. Roll call vote: Crambell-no; Seaman-yes; Beland-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Eldridge-no. Motion passed.

Hospital Report: Maryanne Ewald reported hospital is doing well and growing. The long term care facilities currently have 10 happy residents, which love it. When facility is completed, there will be 104 beds.

Parks and Recreation: Pat Gray report in having a request for rental of the Gymnasium for a sponsored Craft Show on May 1st. Fee will be \$150 for the entire day. Renter is responsible for all clean up and damages.

Sheriff's Report: Officer Foerster reviewed new format of report. In the month of Jan, total of 25 calls, and 47 hours spent in the area. Fraud investigation with the Fire Departments checks has involved now working with the US DOJ, due to the leads across country lines into Canada. Also in attendance were Officer Tony Ngirarsaol and Sgt Eric Johnson. Contract is the same language as last year, with different date and names.

Moved by Eldridge, seconded by Niederstadt to accept and sign new contract for the Sheriff's Department. Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Eldridge-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Beland-yes; Seaman-yes. Motion passed.

Planning Commission: Eldridge reported committee is checking into signage in the area. Looking at different types, giving definition and time frames for temporary signs. Trying to get everything uniform by state codes.

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

Assessor Report: Assessment notices will be going out by the end of the week.

Old Business

Physicals – Fire Department – Fire Department physicals, which are in by-laws, are not current. Registered letters were sent out to those that aren't in compliance. Motion was made and approved in having a special meeting for Monday, Feb 22, 2016 to address issues involving physicals.

Moved by Beland, seconded by Seaman no one suspended until April 20 to do research on issues. Roll call vote: Larry-no; Seaman-yes; Beland-yes; Crambell-no; Eldridge-no. Did not pass.

Moved by Niederstadt, seconded by Seaman to delay the suspension of 4 firefighters until Monday Feb 22, 2016 at that time new motion will be made. Roll call vote: Crambell-no; Seaman-yes; Beland-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Eldridge-no. Motion passed.

As requested to be put in meeting minutes: Stuart McKinnon supplied board with proof of paperwork, that he had taken his physical today.

Moved by Eldridge, seconded by Niederstadt that to delay the suspension of 4 firefighters until Monday, Feb 22, 2016 at that time new motion will be made, be rescinded. Roll call vote: Niederstadt-yes; Crambell-yes; Seaman-yes; Beland-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

Moved by Eldridge, seconded by Seaman move to hold in abeyance suspension of firefighters who do not have current physicals on file pending discussion and possible action at a special board meeting Feb 22, 2016. Roll call vote: Seaman-yes, Crambell-no; Beland-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

July 4th Sandbar Committee Report: Added cost to Township is additional trash cans, port-a-johns, and cleaning on a regular basis. Looking into different Ordinances that the Board could pass: Modification to Ordinance #20 to define county lines; Mass gathering Ordinance where a permit would be applied for, then they are responsible for sanitation, clean up, security. TLPA Sand Bar Safety Fund that people can contribute to for providing security, or directly to the Sheriff's Department to help them with marine patrols. In speaking with Sherriff Whiteford with what they would need, and how much it would cost, would be how much we could raise. Try to help law enforcement as much as possible.

Heritage Property Update - Contract – Letter read from Mike Merriweather in his recommendation on the property with removal of trees.

Moved by Niederstadt, seconded by Crambell to go with Mike Merriweather's recommendation of Sam Fahl, Fahl Forest Products, with stipulation that it is signed after attorney approval. Roll call vote: Beland-yes; Seaman-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Crambell-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion Passed.

Heritage Foundation – Jerry Cannon - We have had a long standing relationship since 1990's. Gave board a copy of renewal of Non-profit corporation paperwork. They are still following the original vision. Park would be a place to pay tribute to Veterans, Police & Firefighters. Committee would like to build a huge American Flag, and a walking path around the loop that was put in for the driveway. Whatever they do, they will be in compliance with Township.

Umlor Patio Issue – #10 in packet – Brian Graham has important questions and will meet before the next board meeting.

Update on No-Wake Law – Resolution No. 1 of 2016 – Moved by Niederstadt, seconded by Seaman ,that Clearwater Township Board recognizes and supports the initiation for Rule Modification to Regulation No. 40, Kalkaska County Rule 8 (R281.704.8) request to extend the existing 300 foot "Slow-No Wake" distance from the mouth of Torch River on the south end of Torch Lake to a minimum of 900 feet. Roll call vote:Beland-yes; Seaman-yes; Crambell-yes; Eldridge-yes; Niederstadt-yes. Motion Passed. Copy of resolution attached herewith.

New Business

Budget - On the table - Budget is completed and will get passed at next meeting. Meeting will need to be at 6:30 on March 16th.

Moved by Eldridge, seconded by Crambell to hold meeting 6:30pm for the budget approval on March 16, 2016. All in favor. Motion passed.

Repair of Dugout - Aug 2nd storm destroyed south side dugout. Contacted Insurance company, and they are aware of the damage, knowing it will have to be repaired.

Cedar Street Access – Noticed construction equipment was on site, and fence was taken down. Trespassing report was submitted with Sherriff Department due that they didn't have permission. They will fix everything by spring.

No Parking Resolution - No. 5 of 2016 Moved by Seaman, seconded by Crambell to accept resolution #5. Roll call vote: Seaman-yes; Beland-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Eldridge-yes; Crambell-yes. Motion passed. Resolution attached to original minutes.

Public Comment:

When you're taking pictures, make sure they are date stamped.

Can you add to the existing No Parking sign: No loading, or No unloading.

Meeting adjoined at 10:02 pm.

Respectively submitted by
Marletta Day, Recording Secretary