

Regular Meeting
September 19, 2018

Minutes Approved October 17, 2018

The regular meeting of the Clearwater Township Board was called to order at 7:06 pm at the Clearwater Township Hall by Supervisor Mike Gaylord with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of board members: Barb Crambell-present; Dwight Seaman-present; Mike Gaylord-present; Kathy Eldridge-present; Also present, Marletta Day, as recording secretary and approximately 80 guests.

Motion by Crambell, seconded by Seaman, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of August 15, 2018, with amended the correct spelling of Hoiles Drive.

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

Motion by Eldridge, seconded by Seaman, to approve the minutes from the special meeting of August 15, 2018.

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

Motion by Crambell, seconded by Eldridge, to approve the minutes from the special meeting of September 13, 2018.

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

Motion by Crambell, seconded by Eldridge, to approve the minutes from the special meeting of September 17, 2018.

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

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: No conflict.

Public Comment:

Township Attorney Bryan Graham spoke to audience about 3 different points:

1. Board meetings are open to the public and are conducted by rules. All open public meetings have a Public Comment time allowed. Individual Public Comments are allotted to 3 minutes and are not transferable to others. Public Comment is for comments only; not a debate with the board members or for questions to be answered by the board members.
2. There was confusion on appointing an alternate to the Planning Commission and one was appointed. It was a mistake; the board held a special meeting and rescinded the appointment which corrected the mistake.
3. Employees in the state of Michigan are "At Will Employees" which means the employer has the right to terminate employment without just cause.

Kalkaska High School Senior, Taylor Findley, informed the board that Home Coming is next weekend. Blazers will be playing Grayling at 7pm. The community is encouraged to come and support the team.

The following people also spoke during public comment:

Michael Wright, Grace Beland, Carol Bakers, Tom Backers, Renee Maeder, Jeff West, Anthony Lamar, Niki Phillips, Scott Peters, Wally Shattuck, Jim Linder, Doug Penderton, Charise Spink, Blake West, Stuart McKinnon and Melinda Booy

After Public Comment was concluded two-thirds of audience left the building.

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

Treasurer's Report: Crambell reported: General Fund, all accounts, \$295,648.21; Public Improvement Fund, \$3,106.20; Road Improvement Fund, \$9,974.19; Fire Fund, \$214,432.36; Fire Equipment Fund, \$17,516.86; Tax Fund, \$34.95.

Clerk's Report: Motion by Crambell, seconded by Seaman, paying bills from General Fund as presented, voucher #23462 through #23512.

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

Motion by Eldridge, seconded by Crambell, paying bills from Fire Fund as presented, voucher #8243 through #8285.

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

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

Sheriff's Report: Deputy Kyle Beaver reviewed August's report with the board. Deputy Nate Deveneau was introduced and he will be replacing Deputy Beaver in our area.

Fire Department Report: Assistant Fire Chief Greg Bradley reported there were issues in bringing the truck back from Detroit which have now been fixed.

Hospital Report: Mary Ann Ewald briefed the board on the current status of the hospital.

Parks and Recreation: Tuesday Oct 2nd at 1pm is the 40th anniversary celebration of Freedom Park. Motion by Eldridge, seconded by Crambell, to accept the bid from Unlimited Outdoors for \$2,050 to remove a large oak tree near the entrance of Pine Street Access.

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

Planning Commission: Tom Backers updated the board on current items being discussed.

Zoning Administration Report: Adam Parzych reviewed monthly report with board.

Assessor Report: No report.

Old Business

Fire Department Physicals Update: Motion by Crambell, seconded by Seaman to extend 30 days to get physicals.

All in favor. Motion passed.

Rapid River Fire Agreement Update: Eldridge reported speaking to supervisor, and at this time Rapid River Township board is not in agreement with contract and are not going to sign.

Motion by Crambell, seconded by Seaman, to give Mike Gaylord permission to look into getting temporary housing for EMS to have them in the area 24/7.

All in favor. Motion passed.

Roads Update: Gaylord reported talking to John Rogers about Zimmerman Rd. The county states there is nothing that can be done currently. Gaylord plans to discuss this again with Rogers, recognizing that something needs to be done. The audience also requested that the township look

into addressing the last few miles of Morrison Road, Cemetery Road as well as applying brine to the township dirt roads more than once per summer.

Township Hall Remodel Committee Sept Meeting Cancelled: Motion by Crambell, seconded by Seaman, to accept bid from Fleis & Vanderbrink, to conduct an evaluation of town hall and fire hall of \$5,900.

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

New Business

Letters to the Board: Currently have 3 letters on file with the board. One letter is about the Planning Commission and a second letter is about a Fire Department personnel problem. Two letters are placed on hold until next month's meeting.

Motion by Gaylord, seconded by Crambell, to have Seaman to investigate Fire Department letter. All in favor – motion passed.

Marijuana Movement: Archie Kiel addressed the board getting the movement on the agenda stating all information is on LARA website. Gaylord requested 30 days to look into it.

Fire Station Security Cameras Quote: Motion by Seaman, seconded by Eldridge, to spend \$1,465 to install security cameras at the Fire Station by Morrison Electric.

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

FOIA Appeal Request: Motion by Crambell, seconded by Gaylord, to decline appeal in returning Jeff West deposit of \$100.

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

Public Comment:

The following people spoke during public comment:

Rebecca Norris, Mary Beth Kazanski, Jule Moore, Dave Grimm and Don Thurlow

Adjourned:

Motion by Crambell to adjourn meeting, seconded by Seaman. All in favor. Motion passed ending meeting at 9:13 pm.

Respectively submitted by
Marletta Day, Recording Secretary