

Regular Meeting
September 21, 2016

Minutes Approved 10/19/2016

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

Roll call of board members: Barb Crambell-present; Grace Beland-present; Dwight Seaman-present; Larry Niederstadt-present; Kathy Eldridge-present;. Also present Marletta Day, as recording secretary and 17 guests.

Moved by Crambell, seconded by Seaman to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of August 17, 2016, with amended as follows: Under Public Comment, on page 3, add: corner of Aarwood and Rapid City Rd.

All in favor. Motion passed.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: No conflict.

Public Comment:

Tina Fields stated that Sept 17 was Constitution Week, and reminding us that we are the government; we have a duty to hold elected officials responsible and accountable.

Jordan Stancil is running on the Democrat party for State Representative. Stancil introduced himself, and shared his qualification and experience. Questions were asked from the board and the audience, which Stancil answered and stated his position on the issues.

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

Treasurer's Report: Crambell reported: General Fund, all accounts, \$244,190.01; Public Improvement Fund, \$3,094.50; Road Improvement Fund, \$30,812.66; Fire Fund,\$197,492.48; Fire Equipment Fund, \$18,557.16; Tax Fund, \$386,784.32.

Clerk's Report: Moved by Eldridge, seconded by Crambell to approve paying bills from General Fund as presented, voucher #22197 through 9/19, State of Michigan, To Print, 222040.
Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Seaman-yes; Beland-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

Moved by Eldridge, seconded by Crambell to approve paying bills from Fire Fund as presented, voucher #7744 through #7760.
Roll call vote: Niederstadt-yes; Beland-yes; Seaman-yes; Crambell-yes; Eldridge-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 report, and answered questions from board and audience.

Fire Department Report: Motion by Niederstadt, seconded by Crambell, to be allowed to sign for the township, the Emergency permit All in favor – motion passed

Moved by Beland, seconded by Crambell to pay for EMT training for Eric Bradley, \$300 plus food and lodging expense to be reimbursed. Roll call vote: Beland-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Seaman-yes; Eldridge-yes; Crambell-yes. Motion passed.

Parks and Recreation: Pat Gray reported receiving a Thank You note for using the gym, from the fund raiser for Torch Lake fireworks, raising over \$9,000.

Planning Commission: Eldridge reported the approval of special use permit.

Zoning Administration Report: Niederstadt reviewed monthly report from Guy Mobley.

Motion by Niederstadt, seconded by Eldridge, to precede with tickets #103thru #107.
Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Beland-yes; Seaman-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

Assessor Report: Niederstadt reported the lawsuit with the property owner, that the State Tribunal has already ruled, goes to court on Oct 27.

Old Business

Heritage Foundation Property- Update: Motion by Seaman, seconded by Niederstadt to cut a check to Mike Merriweather for his completion of obligations on the contract, about the removal of logs. Roll call vote: Niederstadt-yes; Beland-yes; Crambell-yes; Eldridge-yes; Seaman-yes. Motion passed.

Zoning Administrator - Update – Motion by Eldridge, seconded by Seaman, township to pay from the general fund, Adam Parscyh for 1 day a week, at \$50 a week, to accompany and help Guy Mobly until Oct 19th. Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Seaman-yes; Beland-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

Glade Valley Bridge – Update - Niederstadt reported researching on closing bridge.

Fertilizer Bid Application Motion by Niederstadt, seconded by Eldridge, to accept the bid for fall fertilization, from Home Town Lawn. Roll call vote: Beland-yes; Seaman-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Crambell-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

Resolution on Canoe site – Motion by Niederstadt, seconded by Crambell, to add Public Parks on Road Ends Public Access site to Chain of Lakes water Lake Water Trail map. All in favor. Motion passed.

Baggs Road – Update – Niederstadt reported speaking to Ron Pop, Supervisor of Whitewater Township, still researching the issue.

Aarwood Park - Update – Beland reported after talking to Niederstadt, Leo Zimmerman would be able to do the work in installing ramp and steps.

New Business

July 4th Report – Sherriff Dept – Niederstadt reported receiving the report from the Sherriff Dept, with all the facts and figures complied. Law enforcement have already started planning for next year

Security System - Update: Niederstadt reviewed current status of security service and will continue to research for future.

Sand Bar Committee: Niederstadt reported when Circuit Judge ruled, he suggested a Mass Gathering Ordinance to be considered.

Rapid River – Quarterly Fire Payment: Eldridge reported receiving payment of \$2,787 for the first quarter starting on July 1st. Township should receive another payment in October.

Snowblower – Motion by Crambell, seconded by Niederstadt, snowblower bid approved to purchase at Work & Play in Ellsworth. Roll call vote: Niederstadt-yes; Eldridge-yes; Beland-yes; Seaman-yes; Crambell-yes; Motion passed.

Approval of Special Use Permit - Motion by Eldridge, seconded by Seaman, to grant a special use permit to allow secondary dwelling to 8263 Ruttan Road, Parcel number 004-011-030-20. Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Seaman-yes; Beland-yes; Eldridge-yes; Niederstadt-yes. Motion passed.

Public Comment:

Discussion on follow up when permits are issued, to make sure they fall in accordance to the issued permit.

Suggestion to add a flyer to tax bill, when sent out twice a year, to educate the public on zoning issues. Zoning board will draft.

Adjourned:

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

Respectively submitted by
Marletta Day, Recording Secretary