

Regular Meeting
November 15, 2017

Minutes Approved 1-17-18

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

Roll call of board members: Pat Hubble-present; Dwight Seaman-present; Barb Crambell-present; Kathy Eldridge-present; Larry Niederstadt-not present. Also present, Marletta Day, as recording secretary and 16 guests.

Motion by Hubble, seconded by Eldridge, for Dwight Seaman to chair meeting, due to Niederstadt's absence.

All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Seaman, seconded by Crambell, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of October 18, 2017. All in favor. Motion passed.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: No conflict.

Motion by Seaman, seconded by Hubble, to move the 3 items of New Business for discussion after the Public Comment. All in favor. Motion passed.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Seaman, seconded by Eldridge, to approve agenda, as the amended with the omission of Elk Rapid Schools 2018 Tax Procurement. All in favor. Motion passed.

Public Comment:

Jule Moore reported that Cherryland Electric Cooperative has a loan program open to businesses to acquire commercial generators. If interested please contact the township office.

Medical Marijuana Facilities Update: Don Bailey, retired State Trooper, briefed the board about the 3 different classes of Marijuana plant grow licensees available. Class A is 500 plants; Class B 1000 plants; and Class C is 1500 plants. He also discussed some of the challenges faced in other states. The application process is very detailed and in depth.

Medical Marijuana Facilities Legal Opinion: Township attorney, Bryan Graham, advised the board on the Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act issues and options to proceed. Graham stated clearly that this will not affect medical marijuana patients or care givers, but will affect the ability to operate a commercial medical marijuana facility within Clearwater Township.

Medical Marijuana Opt In/Out Decision: Motion by Eldridge, seconded by Hubble, that the Clearwater Township Board hereby states that it does not intend to enact any ordinance, at this time, under the Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act, being Act 281 of the Public Acts of 2016, to authorize any marijuana facility (i.e., a grower, a processor, a secure transporter, a provisioning center, or a safety compliance facility) anywhere within Clearwater Township.
Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Seaman-yes; Hubble-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Crambell reported: General Fund, all accounts, \$246,725.05; Public Improvement Fund, \$3,101.18; Road Improvement Fund, \$4,512.31; Fire Fund, \$170,754.08; Fire Equipment Fund, \$11,375.80; Tax Fund, \$13,069.04.

Clerk's Report: Motion by Eldridge, seconded by Crambell to pay bills from General Fund as presented, voucher #22925 through #22945.

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

Motion by Eldridge, seconded by Crambell, to pay bills from Fire Fund as presented, voucher #8030 through #8047.

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

Accountability Statement for October: Due to absence last month, it was stated, the treasurer balanced with the bank, and the clerk balanced with the treasurer.

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Sheriff's Report: Deputy Beaver reviewed with the board the September and October reports.

Motion by Hubble, seconded by Seaman, for Clearwater Township to pay \$700.00 towards the total cost of a laptop for Deputy Beaver to use on patrol. The total cost of the laptop is \$2100.00.

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

Fire Department Report: No report.

Hospital Report: Eldridge stated the report was in the current meeting packet.

Parks and Recreation: Jule Moore reported the Christmas decorations will be up after Thanksgiving.

Planning Commission: Motion by Eldridge, seconded by Seaman, the Planning Commission conveys to the Township Board, its request that Commissioners Len Von See and Tom Backers be reappointed to the Planning Commission, for terms of three years each, at the November 15, 2017 meeting of the Township Board, and that Commission Tina Fields be so reappointed in May 2018.

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

Zoning Administration Report: Guy Molby submitted reported for the month of October. Discrepancies were discussed, and a special board meeting was requested.

Motion by Eldridge, seconded by Hubble, to have a special board meeting to discuss zoning administrator's duties.

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

Meeting scheduled for November 29th at 7pm, at Little Red School House.

Castle and Rauch Zoning Violation: Motion by Eldridge, seconded by Hubble, at this time, to issue another ticket for the violation of the nuisance order for Castle and Rauch.

Roll call vote: Seaman-no; Crambell-no; Eldridge-yes; Hubble-yes. Motion denied.

Motion by Seaman, seconded by Crambell to have the attorney proceed with a Show Cause Hearing, as soon as we give them a picture.

Roll call vote: Hubble-yes; Crambell-yes; Seaman-yes; Eldridge-no. Motion passed.

Assessor Report: No report.

Old Business

Fire Protection Agreement: Motion by Eldridge, seconded by Seaman, to accept the signed contract with a onetime payment for this year.

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

Township Website Redesign: Jule Moore reported still working with Joe Gaylord, hoping to have the new website up after the first of the year.

Iron Bridge Next Steps: Eldridge reported a public hearing is needed to close this bridge as a safety issue. A date of January 17, 2018 at 6:30pm was set.

Fire Department Visa: Eldridge reported looking into the charge, it was for subscriptions. The credit card has been cancelled and closed, with a new account opened.

Motion by Seaman, seconded by Crambell, permission for Kathy Eldridge and Jule Moore to be on the credit card along with the Fire Chief and the Assistant Fire Chief.

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

New Business

Planning Commission Members Reappointment: Voted on prior in this meeting.

Fire Department Volunteer Staff Paychecks: Motion by Hubble, seconded by Seaman, paying our fire fighters once a month, instead of waiting a quarter.

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

Patriot Park Flag Foundation in Place: Seaman reported the cement has been poured.

Land Use Permit Fine If Not Obtained: Eldridge is looking at other ways to generate funds for the township. At this time, the Land Use Permit is free, but those that don't get one should be charged a substantial amount for not getting a permit. This is to be tabled till next meeting.

Public Comment:

Linda inquired if the township was interested in renting a jet ski for July 3rd and July 4th for the Sheriff's Department. Eldridge informed it is the budget, but definitely needed a contract to rent one.

Adjourned:

Motion by Seaman to adjourn meeting, seconded by Crambell. All in favor. Motion passed, ending meeting at 9:21 pm.

Respectively submitted by
Marletta Day, Recording Secretary