

Regular Meeting
January 17, 2018

Minutes Approved February 21, 2018

The regular meeting of the Clearwater Township Board was called to order at 7:13pm at the Clearwater Township Community Center by Supervisor Larry Niederstadt, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of board members: Barb Crambell-present; Dwight Seaman-present; Larry Niederstadt-present; Kathy Eldridge-present. Also present, Marletta Day, as recording secretary and 16 guests.

Motion by Seaman, seconded by Crambell, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of November 15, 2017.

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

Motion by Seaman, seconded by Crambell, to approve the minutes from the special meeting of November 29, 2017.

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

Motion by Niederstadt, seconded by Seaman, to approve the minutes from the special meeting of December 18, 2017.

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

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: No conflict.

Public Comment:

Dale Gaylord stated it is sad not seeing Pat Hubble here, everyone is going to miss him.

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

Treasurer's Report: DECEMBER - Crambell reported: General Fund, all accounts, \$257,252.73; Public Improvement Fund, \$3,101.64; Road Improvement Fund, \$4,513.01; Fire Fund,\$160,126.21; Fire Equipment Fund, \$11,377.92; Tax Fund, \$6.76.

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

Treasurer's Report: JANUARY - Crambell reported: General Fund, all accounts, \$261,028.43; Public Improvement Fund, \$3,102.25; Road Improvement Fund, \$16,811.63; Fire Fund,\$166,047.77; Fire Equipment Fund, \$17,515.66; Tax Fund, \$28.92.

Motion by Crambell, seconded by Eldridge, to accept the agreement between Kalkaska Public Schools and Clearwater Township to collect school property taxes for the year 2018 at a rate of \$3.88 per parcel.

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

Motion by Crambell, seconded by Eldridge, to accept the agreement between Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District and Clearwater Township to collect school property taxes for the year 2018 at the same rate as Kalkaska Public Schools, \$3.88 per parcel.

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

Clerk's Report: Motion by Eldridge, seconded by Crambell, paying bills from General Fund as presented, voucher #23037 through #23067.

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

Motion by Eldridge, seconded by Crambell, paying bills from Fire Fund as presented, voucher #8086 through #8092.

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

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

Sheriff's Report: Officer Beaver reviewed November and December's report with the board, and answered questions.

Fire Department Report: Motion by Seaman, seconded by Crambell, authorize up to \$400 updating or replacement of the equipment ink jet printer and Microsoft Office, for computer,

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

Motion by Seaman, seconded by Niederstadt, to accept the bid from Orin's Well Drilling, for repair and work needed done for well, not to exceed \$5,805.

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

Hospital Report: - No report

Parks and Recreation: Norm reported attempting to contact different individuals, requesting information on who has authority on the sandbar.

Planning Commission: Tina Fields reported the commission will recommend to the board, a zoning ordinance for water front protection, gathering information for the wording to be very clear

Zoning Administration Report: Adam Parzych submitted monthly report to the board.

Assessor Report: No report

Old Business

Fire Protection Agreement: Eldridge reported a check was received from Rapid River Township in the amount of \$11,447.00, for the agreement of 1 year.

Township Website Redesign: Eldridge reported new website is up and looks fantastic.

Fire Department Old Equipment Bids: Motion by Seaman, seconded by Eldridge, to accept bid and money for K-12 saw \$310, and old hose reel \$25.

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

Castle and Rauch Zoning Violation: Eldridge reported calling the attorney, and gave them the current pictures for a Show Cause to court. Attorney said she would represent us, and take it court. Haven't had any updates as of yet. Eldridge and Niederstadt will call until updates are received.

Land Use Permits – Fees and/or Fines: Motion by Eldridge, seconded by Crambell, charge a \$25 fee for land use permit, starting March 1, 2018, the new fiscal year

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

Niederstadt suggested tabling discussion of fines until next meeting.

New Business

Pat Hubble Recognition of Service: Motion by Niederstadt, seconded by Seaman, this spring, that we have signs for the baseball diamond, in Memory of Pat Hubble.

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

Appointment of New Trustee: Motion by Seaman, seconded by Niederstadt, to appoint Mike Gaylord to the Township Board as Trustee, to be sworn in Jan 18, 2018.

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

Reappointment of Dave Lawicki to ZBA: Motion by Niederstadt, seconded by Seaman, to reappoint Dave Lawicki to ZBA, for a 3 year term.

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

Date to Review Zoning Administrator Candidates: Eldridge reported receiving 4 applications. January 22nd at 6:30pm, at the Little Red School House, was set for interviews.

Kalkaska Co. Sheriff's Increased Fees: Niederstadt reported receiving a letter informing the hourly fee would increase, due to health insurance cost.

Set Dates for 2 Budget Workshop Meetings: Dates were agreed upon for the Budget Workshop Meeting. Both meetings are to be held at the Little Red School House: February 10, 2018 at 9am and February 14, 2018 at 7pm.

2018-2019 Board Meeting Dates: Motion by Niederstadt, seconded by Eldridge, to accept the 2018-2019 Clearwater Township Meeting Schedule dates.

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

Public Comment:

The process of selection was questioned and discussed by several members of the audience.

Jeff West voiced concern to have a meeting for the committee on improving the gym. Dwight Seaman volunteered as a representative from the Board, for the Fire Station improvement meetings.

Dale Gaylord thanked the board for the Public Hearing on the old iron bridge earlier.

Adjourned:

Motion by Niederstadt to adjourn meeting, seconded by Crambell. All in favor. Motion passed, ending meeting at 8:55 pm.

Respectively submitted by
Marletta Day, Recording Secretary