

Regular Meeting
March 15, 2017

Minutes approved 4/19/2017

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; Pat Hubble-present; Dwight Seaman-present; Kathy Eldridge-present. Also present, Marletta Day, as recording secretary and 23 guests.

Moved by Seaman, seconded by Hubble, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of February 15, 2017.

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

Moved by Niederstadt, seconded by Hubble, to approve the minutes from the special meeting (Budget Workshop) of February 11, 2017.

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

Moved by Hubble, seconded by Seaman, to approve the minutes from the special meeting (Budget Workshop) of February 17, 2017.

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

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: No conflict.

Public Comment:

Tom Backers voiced concern over procedures for building permits.

David Lawicki attended Kalkaska County meeting and encouraged the board to write a letter, to hire an Assistant Prosecutor.

Mary Beth Kazanski, with Elk Skegemog Lake Association, informed the board of the organization's activities.

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

Treasurer's Report: Crambell reported: General Fund, all accounts, \$270,386.82; Public Improvement Fund, \$3,096.67; Road Improvement Fund, \$103,582.56; Fire Fund,\$230,004.61; Fire Equipment Fund, \$44,328.46; Tax Fund, \$54,529.59.

Clerk's Report: Eldridge requested approval, moved by Hubble, seconded by Seaman, paying bills from General Fund as presented, voucher #22506 through #22552.

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

Eldridge requested approval, moved by Hubble, seconded by Niederstadt, paying bills from Fire Fund as presented, voucher #7860 through #7875.

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

Moved by Eldridge, seconded by Crambell, permission to take \$10,000 from Contingency account, and transfer to Township Hall account.

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

Moved by Eldridge, seconded by Niederstadt, permission to take \$4,000 from Contingency account move to Deputy account.

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

Moved by Eldridge, seconded by Crambell, permission to take \$10,000 from Contingency account move to Planning & Zoning account.

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

Moved by Eldridge, seconded by Niederstadt, to approve the township board, planning commission, and zoning meeting dates for 2017 and 2018. All in favor. Motion passed.

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

Sheriff's Report: Officer Beaver reviewed monthly February report, and answered questions from the board and audience.

Fire Department Report: Fire Chief Jeff West requested several items for consideration from the board.

Moved by Hubble, seconded by Seaman, to list International tanker truck in newspaper for sale.

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

Moved by Crambell, seconded by Eldridge, to purchase the basic water rescue package, 2 dry suits, 500 feet reel life line, life jackets, throw rings, ice picks, and more, not to exceed \$5,100.

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

Moved by Hubble, seconded by Seaman, to authorize purchase of 2 Scott Site Face Masks, not to exceed \$3,000.

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

Moved by Hubble, seconded by Seaman, to authorize installation of LED scene lighting for Engine #1, not to exceed \$4,000.

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

Eldridge acknowledged and thanked the Clearwater Township Fire Department for 50 years of service.

Hospital Report: Laura Zingg encouraged citizens to join a community forum to find out what the future will look like in the next 10 years for the hospital. Dates are: March 9th, March 22nd, April 12th, and April 27th.

Parks and Recreation: Moved by Niederstadt, seconded by Crambell, to advertise in 2 newspapers, accepting bids for mowing the cemetery.

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

Planning Commission: Eldridge reported surveys have been mailed to property owners, about the proposed zoning change on M72 corridor, and are receiving replies.

Zoning Administration Report: Niederstadt reviewed monthly report.

Assessor Report: Niederstadt reported they are in process of Board of Review, and taking appointments.

Old Business

Bid on Bleacher Removal: Moved by Seaman, seconded by Hubble, to accept McDermid Construction's bid of \$4,250.

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

Zoning Administrator – Update: Moved by Eldridge, seconded by Seaman, to extend 3 months layoff for Guy Mobly, unpaid, and with a Doctor's note stating that he is able to safely return to the duties of the Zoning Administrator as described in our ordinance, and if he's able to come back before the 3 month period, as long as he has a Doctor's note stating all that, that he can present to the board at a meeting, and we can revisit it at that time..

All in favor. Motion passed.

Heritage Foundation – Update: No update.

Baggs Road Paving – Update and Bid: Moved by Niederstadt, seconded by Hubble, to accept the agreement of the form only, submitted by Grand Traverse for this project. All in favor. Motion passed.

File Room Progress: Niederstadt reported the dry wall is up, mudded, going to start sanding next week, and is looking really good.

Vlachos & Vlachos – Update: Niederstadt reported our attorney still hasn't received paperwork.

Budget: Moved by Eldridge, seconded by Seaman, to approve the 2017-2018 budget.

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

New Business

Sandbar Items: Niederstadt referred to the meeting minutes in board's packet. There was a lengthy discussion on water sample testing.

Newsletter: Pat Gray reported that articles are to be submitted by April 3rd, and the newsletter will be mailed by April 19th.

Clean Up Date: Pat Gray reported that May 6th is Clean Up Day.

Paddle Antrim: Niederstadt reported the same information will be submitted from prior year.

Public Comment:

Adam Parych voiced concern about gravel roads not being considered for repair, or additional gravel added.

Adjourned:

Moved by Hubble to adjourn meeting, seconded by Niederstadt. All in favor. Motion passed, ending meeting at 9:29 pm.

Respectively submitted by
Marletta Day, Recording Secretary