

**CLEARWATER TOWNSHIP**  
**Resolution No. 7 of 2018**

At a special meeting of the Clearwater Township Board, Kalkaska County, held at the Clearwater Township Community Center, located in Rapid City, Michigan, on July 25, 2018, at 2:00 PM.

PRESENT: Barbara Crambell, Mike Gaylord, Dwight Seaman, Kathy Eldridge

ABSENT: Larry Niederstadt

The following resolution was made by Kathy Eldridge and seconded by Mike Gaylord, to-wit:

**Recitals**

A. On July 18, 2018, the board was made aware that a resident had recently submitted a complaint and Township Deputy Kyle Beaver confirmed that a criminal investigation into Fire Chief Jeff West's use of and/or his sanctioning the use of Township Fire Department equipment for non-Township Fire Department activities has begun.

B. It is the Board's understanding that criminal investigations may take several weeks and/or months to complete.

C. It is further the Board's understanding that during a criminal investigation into the use of Township Fire Department equipment, it is not in the interest of the Township to allow the person under investigation access to Township Fire Equipment.

**Resolution**

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CLEARWATER TOWNSHIP BOARD HEREBY RESOLVES that:

1. Jeff West, Clearwater Township Fire Chief, is under investigation by the Kalkaska County Sheriff's Department for his use of and/or his sanctioning the use of Township Fire Department equipment for non-Township Fire Department activities.

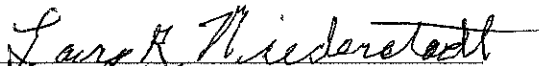
2. Jeff West shall be immediately suspended without pay pending the results of the investigation, and that the Board may take further action, including termination, at a future date.

YES: Barb Crambell, Mike Gaylord, Dwight Seaman, Kathy Eldridge

NO: None


**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED**

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By:   
Larry Niederstadt, Supervisor

I, the undersigned, the Clerk of the Township of Clearwater, Kalkaska County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by said municipality at its special meeting held on July 25, 2018, relative to adoption of the resolution therein set forth; that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

Dated: July 25, 2018

  
Kathy Eldridge, Clerk