

Regular Meeting
August 19, 2015

Minutes approved 9/16/2015

The regular meeting of the Clearwater Township Board was called to order at 7:04 p.m. at the Clearwater Township Community Center by Clerk, Kathy Eldridge with the Pledge of Allegiance. In the absence of Supervisor, Larry Niederstadt, it was moved by Eldridge and seconded by Beland to nominate Barb Crambell to chair the meeting. All in favor, motion passed.

Roll call of board members: Seaman-present; Beland-present; Crambell-present; Eldridge-present; Niederstadt-absent. Also present, Pat Gray, recording secretary and approximately 20 guests.

Moved by Seaman, seconded by Crambell to approve the meeting minutes of July 15, 2015. All in favor, motion passed.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: Seaman-none; Beland-none; Crambell-none; Eldridge-none.

Public Comment: Jan Wiltse from District Health Department #10 presented facts on Kalkaska's current health ranking in the State. Our county is currently ranked #77 out of 82 counties. She distributed literature to the guests and a public opinion survey. The health department is working to improve this ranking.

Michelle Schellie addressed the July 4th sandbar issue, and wants to see "No Parking" anywhere on sides of roads in the area of the sandbar, and feels property values on the south end of lake are being jeopardized. Sue Kelly also expressed concerns and wanted to know what became of the task force that was formed after the recent meeting in Elk Rapids. She feels the township could do something at the three most highly used access sites.

Pat Hubble read the contract between Rapid River and Kalkaska Township and questioned why it has taken so long for our township to get a contract.

Carol Backers questioned why no one has been appointed yet to the vacant Board of Review position. She has had her application in for quite some time and is qualified to serve since she has been an alternate for the past few years and has taken training classes..

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Beland, seconded by Eldridge to approve the agenda as presented.

Treasurer's Report: General Fund, all accounts, \$244,113.18; Public Improvement Fund, \$13, 145.68; Road Improvement Fund, \$115,493.13; Fire Fund, \$122,457.37; Fire Equipment Fund, \$39,449.66; Tax Fund, \$548.52.

Clerk's Report: Moved by Crambell, seconded by Beland to pay bills from the General Fund as presented, voucher #21494 through #21547. Roll call vote: Beland-yes; Seaman-yes; Crambell-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion carried. Moved by Seaman, seconded by Beland to

approve paying bills from the Fire Fund as presented, voucher #7497 through #7514. Roll call vote: Dwight-yes; Beland-yes; Crambell-yes; Eldridge-yes; Motion carried.

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

Sheriff's Report: Kalkaska EMS is here now, however, they are having some communication problems. The hospital and county are looking into upgrades that could cost around \$10,000. The fire department may be included in the proposal. Regarding July 4th, the sheriff's department is going to purchase flags to clearly mark the access sites on Torch Lake. Medical runs were down this year over the 4th. Deputy Foerster presented his report. He gave information regarding a "Hunter's Safety Course" to be held on September 5th. Check Sheriff Dept. web site for details.

Fire Department Report: West gave details on some of the issues involved with clearing main arteries on township roads after the recent storm. Fire Dept. personnel and many volunteers helped. West requested that Lars Schaub be reimbursed by the township for damage to his truck and equipment. Beland moved to pay Schaub \$500.00 to repair his equipment. No second to the motion. Jason Morrison also had damage to insulated cutters while helping the fire department in the amount of \$148.00. The board will verify with the attorney that it's acceptable to reimburse these individuals. West recommended the township put some "Emergency Management" policies in place for the future. Moved by Beland and seconded by Eldridge to place an ad in the newspaper thanking all volunteers who helped with cleanup in our township. All in favor. Motion passed.

West presented documentation stating that James Haggerd has completed his fire training and there is money due to him. Moved by Beland, seconded by Crambell to pay James Haggerd \$1626.00 as money due for completing fire training. Roll call vote: Beland-yes; Crambell-yes; Seaman-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed

Hospital Report: None

Parks and Recreation: Gray advised that the 5 year Parks & Recreation Plan is ready to be adopted and plans to present that at the next meeting.

Zoning Administrator's Report: Crambell read Molby's monthly report..

Assessor Report: None

OLD BUSINESS:

RAPID RIVER FIRE CONTRACT: Rapid River has agreed to our contract, however, the dates need to be corrected and contract sent back to them. Should have check next month.

SPENDING RESOLUTION: Kathy and Grace will present this in September.

NEW BUSINESS:

SEEDS: The group will be working in the township chipping trees and brush to be used on Freedom Park trails. They will bring their own chipper. They will also work at the Aarwood Rd. site if funds from the approved \$3,000.00 are still available.

UMLOR PROPERTY PROBLEM: This pertains to new construction on Crystal Beach Rd. Niederstadt will be calling a special meeting to discuss this.

SPECIAL MEETING ON JULY 4TH PROBLEMS: Moved by Beland, seconded by Crambell to hold a special meeting on September 26, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the Clearwater Township Hall to address the Torch Lake July 4th issues. All in favor. Motion passed.

NEW MOWER: The current mower is over 9 years old and no longer working. An estimate for repairs is \$2,057.44 from Fergusons. Several quotes for a new mower were received. Moved by Crambell, seconded by Seaman to purchase the Toro Lawn Mower from Fergusons for \$6500.00 plus an extended warranty if available. Roll call vote: Beland-yes; Crambell-yes; Seaman-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

CLEAN UP BID: One bid was received from Unlimited Outdoors for clean up of storm damage at Maple St. access, Cedar St. access, Aarwood Rd. site and cemetery. Other tree companies did not respond to our request for a bid. Moved by Crambell, seconded by Beland to approve the bid from Unlimited Outdoors for \$2600.00 at the Maple St. access and \$1300.00 at the Cedar St. access for clean up from storm damage due to an emergency situation. Roll call vote: Seaman-yes; Beland-yes; Crambell-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

MTA-PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: Moved by Eldridge, seconded by Crambell to approve up to \$1400.00 for Clerk, Eldridge; Deputy Clerk, Gray; Supervisor Niederstadt; and Trustees Beland and Seaman to attend the MTA Professional Development Retreats at Boyne Highlands.
Roll call vote: Beland-yes;

Public Comment: Norm Neuenschander wants to know what the Township Board intends to do about the July 4th situation. Feels the board needs to come back to the residents with a specific plan. More discussion followed on the subject.

Motion to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Gray
Recording Secretary