

Regular Meeting
August 17, 2016

Minutes Approved September 21, 2016

The regular meeting of the Clearwater Township Board was called to order at 7:03 pm at the Clearwater Township Community Center by Supervisor Niederstadt with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of board members: Larry Niederstadt-present; Grace Beland-present; Barb Crambell-present; Dwight Seaman-not present; Kathy Eldridge-present. Also present, Marletta Day, as recording secretary and 28 guests.

Moved by Seaman, seconded by Kathy, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of July 20, with amended as follows: Paragraph 2, addition of 'as' after Pat Gray; Paragraph 4, Declaration of Conflict of Interest, remove 'All in favor'. All in favor – motion passed.

Moved by Beland, seconded by Seaman, to approve the minutes from the special meeting of July 16, 2016. All in favor – motion passed.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: No conflict.

Public Comment:

Deana Jerdee, with Paddle Antrim, submitted a letter proposing a resolution, to add Clearwater Public Access sites for electronic map of water trail for paddlers on lakes.

Joann Childs reported Mike Henderson donated rocks for Veterans sign at cemetery, suggesting a thank you note. Also stated cemetery road is really bad. Niederstadt acknowledged it was on the long list for repair, but not on the 4 yr list.

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Niederstadt, seconded by Crambell, to approve agenda, with the addition of Abe's park and paperwork. All in favor. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Crambell reported: General Fund, all accounts, \$272,142.31; Public Improvement Fund, \$3,093.63; Road Improvement Fund, \$30,641.18; Fire Fund,\$200,053.49; Fire Equipment Fund, \$18,553.78; Tax Fund, \$253,676.16.

Clerk's Report: Moved by Eldridge, seconded by Beland, to approve paying bills from General Fund as presented, voucher #22131 through #22196. Roll call vote: Seaman-yes; Beland-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Crambell-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

Moved by Eldridge, seconded by Seaman, to approve paying bills from Fire Fund as presented, voucher #7730 through #7743. Roll call vote: Niederstadt-yes; Beland-yes; Seaman-yes; Crambell-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

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

Sheriff's Report – Kyle Beaver: Officer Nathan Graham, currently in the field training program, was introduced to the board, and will be seen in the community shortly. Officer Beaver reviewed monthly report, and answered questions from board and audience.

Fire Department Report: Chief Jeff West requested board to sign contract with Rapid River accompanied by letter, requiring payment from that township for runs serviced in that area next year.

Motion by Beland, seconded by Seaman, to sign contract with Rapid River, with enclosed letter that in the future they pay the same as Clearwater residents for fire services. Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Beland-yes; Seaman-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

Hospital Report: Mary Ann Ewald reported that the hospital is sitting really well financially. Stated there is a team working on the programs needed in the area

Parks and Recreation: Pat Gray reported that the gym was rented out for a fund raiser to South Torchlake Area Association, this Saturday. Fund raiser is for fireworks, and is their biggest money maker.

Paperwork for Abe's Park: Beland requested to apply for a driveway permit from the County Road Commission and a permit from the DNR to add steps to bank, and a canoe/kayak launch or slide. Motion by Eldridge, seconded by Seaman, to accept Graces' proposal on this park and with the request to have the launch put up, slide put in for the kayak, steps, and railing and driveway, and complete necessary forms for the DNR, to be completed by Grace. Roll call vote: Beland-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Eldridge-yes; Crambell-yes; Seaman-yes. Motion passed.

Planning Commission: Eldridge and Tina Fields reported the commission has adopted a resolution for monuments and memorials. Article 19 is to require a special use permit, which will be individually reviewed for purpose. The board was encouraged to approve resolution.

Zoning Administration Report: Niederstadt reviewed monthly report. A search warrant was received to take pictures of the Umlor property and was signed by a judge. Niederstadt will contact Officer Beaver, to accompany for assistance, in serving warrant and taking pictures.

Assessor Report: Niederstadt reported the audit went well, and will have the results for next meeting.

Letter for property tax case is going to tribunal court on Sept 7th. They are appealing what the judge decreed.

Old Business

Heritage Foundation Property- Update: Niederstadt reported that Sam Fahl was to contact Jerry Cannon about repairs to main trail from tree removal damage. A suggestion of a 30 day notice given to Fahl to have repairs completed.

Road Millage – Update: Niederstadt reported that proposed millage vote passed with great results. Motion by Niederstadt, seconded by Eldridge, for Baggs Road be first road priority, he will get together with Supervisor Popp and John Rodgers to discuss engineering and cost. Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Beland-yes; Seaman-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

DNR Wake – Update: DNR denied the request, and moved buoys back to 300 ft. into an arch.

Seed Report: - Niederstadt reported work is completed.

Zoning Administrator – Update: Guy Mobley still not able to work and Adam Parscyh is still filling in. Mobley will be back to work on Sept 1.

Parking Lot Seal – Update: Niederstadt reported sealing has been completed. Question if second coat was applied. Eldridge will review bid, and call company for verification.

Fire Contract – Rapid River – Previously discussed.

New Business

Glade Valley Bridge: Niederstadt will investigate to see if bridge can be closed, due to heavy vehicles still crossing.

Fertilizer Bid Applications: Niederstadt reported 2 bids were received, but will have to clarify what bid includes for service, before consideration.

Board of Review Update: – Previously discussed.

Update on Tax Case: – Previously discussed.

Planning Commission – Proposed New Article 19: Motion by Eldridge, seconded by Crambell, the township board accepts new Article 19 from Planning Commission for monuments and memorials. Roll call vote – All in favor – Motion passed.

Aarwood Trl. – Update on Cost: Niederstadt reported work was less than what was budgeted and only cost \$112,000.

Resolution – Canoe Access Sites: Discussion of sites being added to the water trail of Chain of Lakes for the Paddle Antrim. After much discussion, Eldridge made motions and rescinded. This will be addressed again next month after each site is visited.

Baggs Road Update: Previously discussed.

Public Comment:

Resident voiced safety concerns about signs obstructing view of oncoming vehicles. Concern will be brought up to Officer Beaver.

Beland asked how to make meetings more encouraging to attend. Discussion to be more businesslike, and standard reports already submitted and printed for public to review. Only discuss Old and New business. Meeting should only last 1 to 1-1/2 hours.

Adjourned:

Moved by Niederstadt to adjourn meeting, seconded by Crambell. All in favor. Motion passed, ending meeting at 9:35 pm.

Respectively submitted by
Marletta Day, Recording Secretary