

Regular Meeting
January 20, 2016

Minutes Approved February 17, 2016

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: Larry Niederstadt – present; Grace Beland – present; Dwight Seaman – present; Barb Crambell – present; Kathy Eldridge - present. Also present, Marletta Day, recording secretary and 17 guests.

Moved by Seaman, seconded by Crambell to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of Dec 16, 2015, with amended as follows. Below heading to read July 4th Torchlake Sandbar Committee Report; Torchlake Wake Laws. All in favor. Motion passed.

Moved by Seaman, seconded by Niederstadt to approve the minutes from the special meeting of Dec 16, 2015. All in favor. Motion passed.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: All in favor of no conflict.

Public Comment:

Greg Payne informed board an incorrect directive was given and submitted to DNR. The resolution must come directly from Township Board, and a public hearing is needed for a statue. Motion moved by Niederstadt for special public meeting on Feb 17, 2016 at 6:30 pm for proposed no wake buoys. Seaman seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Joe Dupie with Kalkaska EMS reported that being in the area, on a daily basis for 6 months, was going well, with quicker response time. Kalkaska Hospital is holding a quarterly event to accept used needles and used diabetic lancets in sealed container, starting Jan 27, 2016 at 8am to 12:30 pm.

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Niederstadt, Beland seconded to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Crambell reported: General Fund, all accounts, \$181,915.17; Public Improvement Fund, \$3,090.03; Road Improvement Fund, \$27,223.27; Fire Fund,\$131,319.07; Fire Equipment Fund, \$39,483.38; Tax Fund, \$157,822.56.

Moved by Crambell, Beland seconded to agree to collect the Summer 2016 school property taxes for Kalkaska Public Schools at a rate of \$3.88 per parcel. Roll call vote: Beland-yes; Seaman-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Crambell-yes, Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

Moved by Crambell, Beland seconded to agree to collect the Summer 2016 school property taxes for Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District. The fee for collecting the School District Summer Tax Levy is included in the per parcel payment as negotiated by Elk Rapids and Kalkaska Public Schools. Roll call vote: Niederstadt-yes; Seaman-yes; Beland-yes; Crambell-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

Clerk's Report: Moved by Eldridge, seconded by Crambell to approve paying bills from General Fund as presented, voucher #21751 through #21805. Roll call vote: Niederstadt-yes; Crambell-yes; Beland-yes; Seaman-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

Moved by Eldridge, seconded by Crambell to approve paying bills from Fire Fund as presented, voucher #7595 through #7600. Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Seaman-yes; Beland-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

Eldridge informed the board of fraud on Fire Fund account. Alden State Bank immediately reported the photocopy of check, signatures not matching, and have involved Kalkaska Police department. No money has been collected thru internet scam.

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

Fire Department Report: Greg Bradley reviewed 2015 report: 335 runs.

Moved by Beland, Seaman seconded paying \$200 per person for Fire Command Training on Feb 27, and Feb 28 for 2 firefighters. Roll call vote: Beland-yes; Seaman-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Crambell-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

Moved by Beland, Seaman seconded purchasing thru Apollo, 4 air bag hoses in the amount of \$600. Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Beland-yes; Seaman-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

Moved by Beland, Eldridge seconded purchasing from Jetters thru Apollo, mounts for 4 new hydraulic tools in the amount of \$1250. Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Seaman-yes; Beland-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

Moved by Beland, Crambell seconded purchasing thru Apollo, electrical reel and air reel hose in the amount of \$3000 Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Beland-yes; Seaman-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

Sheriff's Report: Reagan Forester reviewed his monthly report of 60 calls from our area. Scammers are targeting our area. Current scam is: Someone calling, stating that a relative is in financial need, instructing person to go purchase an iTunes gift card. Once purchased, they are to call and give the key code off the back of the card.

Hospital Report: No report

Parks and Recreation: No report

Zoning Administration Report: Niederstadt reviewed report of complaints that have been handled by Zoning Administrator in the past month.

Planning Commission: Eldridge reported they have selected a representative to work with the Torchlake Sand Bar Committee.

Assessor Report: Niederstadt reviewed ongoing township resident Tax Tribunal case.

New business

John Rogers, Road Commission Manger, reviewed Kalkaska County Road Commission 2016 Budget Summary.

Sherriff Whiteford was appointed in Dec 2015 after Abe Devol's passing. Harry Ship is the new Undersheriff. Intention for board to have new contract, only change is the name and dates, and ready for signature.

Proposal for July 4th, has been forwarded and will be sitting down with John for seasonal orders for parking.

Old Business

Physicals – Fire Department: Moved by Niederstadt, seconded by Seaman, motion for base pay for all workers who have physical taken. Will be 3 hours each base pay. Mileage for physical is 52 miles round trip from Rapid City to Traverse City, Michigan, will be .50 per mile. Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Beland-yes; Seaman-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

Moved by Eldridge, seconded by Niederstadt, motion that we extend the date for acceptance of the physicals for the fire department to our next township board meeting, Feb 17, 2016. If the proper paperwork is not received by that date, of Feb 17, 2016 suspension will be enacted until the correct documentation is received for the physical. Roll call vote: Niederstadt-yes; Beland-yes; Seaman-yes; Crambell-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

July 4th Torchlake Sandbar Committee Report: There were 2 meetings this past month. Committee is going to be looking into restricted parking, year round no parking areas, and closing boat launch sites after x amount have launched from that area. We have to take date stamped photos of violators, other days besides July 4th, for any other action to be considered.

Heritage Property Update: Niederstadt spoke with Mike Merriweather, which has walked some of the area, and has started marking trees. He is starting to get word out to bidders for fallen trees, diseased, and others that are ready to be taken down. Probably won't receive any bids till April/March.

Heritage Foundation: Representative is going to be at the next board meeting.

Umlor Patio Issue: Sending a 30 day notice of violation. Next board meeting or shortly after that, will decide what will happen after notification is received.

New Business

Set Time & Date for Budget Workshop: Move by Eldridge, seconded by Crambell, that Feb 6, 2016 (Saturday) 9am is time for working on Budget. All in favor. Motion passed.

Resolution on July 4th (Up Date): Not extensive, but will discuss next board meeting.

Public Comment: None

Meeting adjourned at 9:35pm.

Respectively submitted by
Marletta Day, Recording Secretary