

Regular Meeting  
July 20, 2016

Minutes Approved 8/17/2016

The regular meeting of the Clearwater Township Board was called to order at 7:04 p.m. At the Clearwater Township Community Center by Supervisor Niederstadt with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of board members: Grace Beland-present; Larry Niederstadt-present; Dwight Seaman-present; Kathy Eldridge-present; Barb Crambell-not present. Also present, Pat Gray, recording secretary and 21 guests.

Moved by Niederstadt, seconded by Eldridge to approve the minutes from the meeting of June 15, 2016. All in favor, motion passed.

**Declaration of Conflict of Interest:** All in favor - No conflicts.

**Public Comment:** Bob Burgin addressed the board regarding a zoning complaint concerning the terrible condition of a trailer at the west end of Hill road, and stated he was frustrated because there had been no action taken on the complaint. Pat Holstein also commented on the same complaint. Niederstadt stated that the zoning administrator has asked our attorney to send a letter to the property owner with a 30 day notice to clean up the property.

Jerry Gallant stated that he has removed his sign that was at a public access after a recent complaint.

Lucy Gerlach inquired about the status of the complaint concerning the Umlor property on Torch Lake. Niederstadt responded that the attorney's had sent a letter to Umlor. A response was received from Umlor expressing his concerns that no other complaints had been filed against property owners who had structures within the 50 foot setback from the water. The matter is in the attorney's hands.

Joann Childs inquired about the situation concerning renovation of the township hall. Niederstadt stated he has acquired the name of an architect and will find out what his fees would be.

**Approval of Agenda:** Moved by Eldridge, seconded by Beland to add the Iron Bridge issue to the agenda. All in favor, motion passed.

**Treasurer's report:** Eldridge reported for Crambell: General Fund, accounts, \$272,648.81; Public Improvement Fund, \$3,092.62; Road Improvement Fund, \$142,852.82; Fire Fund, \$191,765.21; Fire Equipment Fund, \$14,358.04; Tax Fund, \$63.98.

**Clerk's Report:** Moved by Eldridge, seconded by Beland to approve paying bills from the General Fund as presented, voucher #22073 through #22130. Roll call vote: Seaman, yes; Beland, yes; Niederstad, yes; Eldridge, yes. Motion passed.

Moved by Eldridge, seconded by Beland to approve paying bills from the Fire Fund as presented, voucher #7715 through #7731. Roll call vote: Beland, yes; Seaman, yes; Niederstadt, yes; Eldridge, yes. Motion passed.

**Accountability Statement:** Eldridge verified the treasurer balanced with the bank and the clerk balanced with the treasurer.

**Sheriff's Report:** Deputy Beaver presented his monthly report and noted that several larcenies are being investigated in various locations in the township. The speed trailer that was requested some by residents was placed on Crystal Beach Rd. Sheriff Whiteford gave an update on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July

activities and distributed information with Law Enforcement Statistics on the number of arrests and citations. He stated it was a five agency task force and 84 officers from the various agencies rotated hours during the four day holiday. Overall it was much quieter than last year. The Sandbar committee will meet again the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in September and he will give a financial report at that time.

**Fire Department Report:** West reported there were no life threatening incidences during the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. The department will be having propane training at the fire station on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Moved by Beland, seconded by Seaman to approve \$500.00 for fire department training supplies for the school kids. Roll call vote: Niederstadt, yes; Eldridge, yes; Beland, yes; Seaman, yes. Motion passed.

Moved by Beland, seconded by Seaman to accept an offer of \$3,000.00 from the Fire Department of Buckley for purchase of the old set of Jaws. Roll call vote: Beland, yes; Seaman, yes; Niederstadt, yes; Eldridge, yes. Motion passed.

West presented a list of items that the department would like to dispose of. Most of them have very little value. Moved by Eldridge, seconded by Beland to give the fire department the authority to dispose of the items on the list. Roll call vote: Beland, yes; Niederstadt, yes; Seaman, yes; Eldridge, yes. Motion passed.

**Planning Commission:** Parzych reported that a public hearing will be held on August 1<sup>st</sup> regarding an amendment to the ordinance on wording for memorials.

**Zoning Administrator's Report:** Parzych continues to assist Molby with the zoning duties. He gave a report on activities for the past month.

**Assessor Report:** Niederstadt reported the Board of Review met this week. The audit with the State was held last week, and we don't have that report yet.

#### **Old Business:**

**Heritage Foundation Property-Update:** Sam Fahl will be meeting with Jerry Cannon to determine exactly where the old roads were on the property so they can be properly restored.

**Road Millage – Update:** A special meeting was held on July 16<sup>th</sup> determine the roads for consideration if the millage vote passes. The roads in alphabetical are: Baggs Rd; Wilhelm Rd.; West Plum Valley; and Zimmerman Rd. It may take as much as three years of the millage money to do Zimmerman Rd. because it will need a costly engineering study.

**Aarwood Trail – Update:** Final bill has not been received from the county, but it may be as much as \$9,000.00 less than budgeted.

**DNR Wake Hearing – Update:** Still waiting for the final disposition from the DNR.

**Sandbar Committee – Update:** Norm Neuenschwander stated that the Task Force committee will continue to work on new initiatives. The numbers were down this year and law enforcement did a fantastic job. They would like to see a Mass Gathering Ordinance adopted by the township. They received about \$23,000.00 in donations to help cover the costs of attorney fees, etc. associated with the successful class action suit they initiated. However, costs exceeded that amount. They have not received the final results on “Noise Readings” and “Water Samples”.

**SEEDS Workers – Update:** They applied new wood chips to the trails in Freedom Park, and may be

back yet this summer to use up hours they have left from the \$3,000.00 allocated.

**Dumpsters, flags, etc. - Update:** Additional dumpsters worked out well. May only need 4 yd. Dumpster next year at Lake St. Flags at the two accesses were purchased by Paul Fabiano, and they worked out well. There were adequate porta-jons this year also.

**New Business:**

**Reappointment on Planning Commission:** Adam Parzych was reappointed to the planning commission at the special meeting held on July 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Zoning Administrator – Update:** Guy Molby's continues to recover from surgery. He is working with Adam Parzych on zoning issues.

**Fire Contract – Rapid River:** New contract has been received. A couple of differences. The amount this year was \$11,447.00, increased by 10% over last year. Question regarding charge for Accumed. Discussion tabled until next month for more investigation.

**Fertilizer Application for Heritage Park –** Tabled until next month – waiting for one more bid.

**Parking Lot Seal Coat –** Moved by Beland, seconded by Seaman to accept the bid from Quality Seal Coat for \$2,795.00 to seal coat that includes hot rubber all cracks and stripe for parking lots at gym , community center and fire station. Roll call vote: Niederstadt, yes; Beland, yes; Seaman, yes; Eldridge, yes. Motion passed.

**Iron Bridge:** Apparently there are trucks still over going over the Iron Bridge despite the 3000 lb. weight limit and previous warnings. Moved by Beland, seconded by Seaman to have our attorney write a letter to the Stevens with our concerns about weight limits being exceeded on the Iron Bridge. Roll call vote: Seaman, yes; Beland, yes; Niederstadt, yes; Eldridge, yes. Motion passed.

Public Comment: Bob Burgin commented on the fact that the Iron Bridge continues to be a source of irritation,, and he requested to know the salary of the Zoning Administrator.

Eldridge read a letter from a resident concerning the Sand Bar activities over the 4<sup>th</sup> which commended everyone on a much better, more family friendly time.

Deborah Hill, Kalkaska County clerk spoke. She is running for re-election this year. She gave her qualifications and an update on changes in the clerk's offices.

Val Thornburg, Kalkaska County Treasure spoke. She is also running for re-election and gave her qualifications and experience.

Joann DeGraff, Kalkaska County Register of Deeds is also running for re-election. She gave her qualifications and experience.

Pat Whiteford, Kalkaska County Sheriff is also running for re-election. He gave his qualifications and experience and also gave updates on the sheriff's departments. He asked for the people's vote.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 10:00 p.m. All in favor, motion passed.

Respectively submitted,  
Pat Gray, Recording Secretary