

**Regular Meeting
June 17, 2015**

Minutes approved 7/15/15

The regular meeting of the Clearwater Township Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Niederstadt. Board members present were Niederstadt, Seaman, Crambell Beland, and Eldridge.

Supervisor Niederstadt opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call Vote of Board Members: Crambell-yes; Seaman-yes; Beland-yes Niederstadt-yes Eldridge- yes. Also present were 24 guest.

Moved by Beland, seconded by Crambell, to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of May 20,2015. Roll call vote: Niederstadt-yes, Beland- yes, Seaman- yes, Crambell- yes, Eldridge- yes.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest; None

Public Comment

Boyd Upton stated concerns of conditions on Aarwood Trail NW as to what it has been built on. He presented the board with a Road Construction Boring Report. Several other residents expressed concerns over the roads condition. No one is returning the calls the residents have made to the Road Commission. It was explained that there is no money to fix the roads. There is a way to do a special assessment that Beland stated and explained. Beland stated she is awaiting a book from the state explaining details and will get back to them. Niederstadt again explained the township is not responsible for fixing the roads and how the state does get the funds for road repairs. All were referred to the next Road Commission Meeting July 14, 2015 at 8:00a.m. Vijay Kumar introduced himself as a candidate running for State Representative 103rd District. Above ground fuel storage concerns on Aarood Trail. Regulations of containments explained and enforcement procedures. Lucy Gerlach reported on zoning issue.

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

Treasurer Report: General Fund, all accounts, \$245,057.27; Public Improvement Fund, \$13,139.72; Road Improvement Fund, \$107,832.43; Fire Fund, all accounts, \$145,484.20; Fire Equipment Fund, \$39,435.06; Tax Fund, \$530.93. Will be sending out July taxes. Our audit will be July 20th& 21st, 2015.

Clerks Report: Moved by Crambell, seconded by Niederstadt, to pay bills from General Fund as presented, voucher #21396 through 21436. Roll Call Vote, Niederstadt-yes, Beland-yes, Seaman-yes, Crambell-yes, Eldridge-yes. Motion carried. Moved by Eldridge seconded by Crambell to pay bills from Fire Fund as presented, voucher #7453

to 7476. Roll Call Vote, Niederstadt-yes, Beland-yes, Seaman-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: Deputy Dave Wagner in charge of 911. Answered questions from public attending. Deputy Forester submitted his report.

Fire Department Report: West stated he had nothing other than to ask what is going on with Rapid River. Niederstadt gave update on Rapid River.

Hospital Report: Laura gave report explaining the mass mailing pamphlets that were sent out, construction on long term care with completion date in 2016, the purchase of a 13 passenger van to transport long term care patients free and on 3rd and Coral St. property being converted to 50 new parking spots. The hospital is also actively recruiting physicians to staff the emergency room 7 days a week.

Parks And Recreation: Tina Fields presented report. Public hearing 5 year plan has 1 change, final draft ready for July meeting. Joann Deater Childs gave report on the planting of flowers at the cemetery.

Planning Commission: Tina Fields submitted the report. Added new item to agenda where they will be reviewing the Master Plan. 30 day clock on proposed language on article XXVI passed and no word from attorney. July meeting 7/6/2015 and public hearing at 7:00 p.m.

Zoning Administration Report: Report presented by Niederstadt.

Assessor Report: Dawn Kuhns gave report. Next year 2016 official we will have our audit. Also reported with new assessments more money will be coming in for township.

Old Business:

Rental Agreement-Gym & Community Center (update: Board members reviewed copies from lawyer and motion was made to change the hours of rental by Beland, and seconded by Crambell. Will be sent back to attorney to be looked at. Return next month.

Personnel Policy: Motion made to accept Personnel Policy Plan by Eldridge seconded by Crambell. Roll Call Vote: Niederstadt-yes, Beland-no, Seaman-yes, Crambell-yes, Eldridge-yes. Motion carried.

Building Committee (update): Continue to get estimates.

Rapid River Fire Contract (update): Niederstadt gave report after the board looked at. There were concerns on billing the individual when there is no insurance. Report next month on findings.

Morrison Rd. (update): Paved by 7/4/15 or last week in June.

Update on Article XXVI: Public Hearing 7/6/15 at 7:00 p.m.

Cedar St. Access costs for Beach Fix: 2 estimates presented. Motion made to accept bid from Powell Excavating, L.L.C. for \$6200.00 by Beland, seconded by Crambell. Roll Call Vote, Niederstadt-yes, Beland-yes, Seaman-yes, Crambell-yes, Eldridge-yes. Motion carried.

New Business:

Representative from American Waste: Next Month.

Electric Sign: No place to put one. Will look at next month.

Spending Resolution: Board members to meet and put together a draft to bring to next month's meeting. Beland, West and Eldridge.

FOIA Policy – Resolution #4. Motion made to accept FOIA policy and related forms for implementation of new policy Resolution #4 by Seaman and seconded by Crambell all 15 pages. All in favor 5 yes. Motion passed.

Appoint Township Board Representative to Planning Commission: Motion made to appoint Kathy Eldridge to Planning Commission by Seaman and seconded by Niederstadt. All in favor – 4 yes - Motion passed.

Parade Request from Stuart McKinnon: Motion made to approve parade request by Beland, seconded by Seaman. All in favor – 5 yes- motion passed.

New Additions:

Request made to close Lake St. 7/3 and 7/4 for 4th of July staging for fire and law enforcement, and authority for fire department to place calls for public health concerns made by Beland, seconded by Eldridge, all in favor – 5 yes- motion passed.

Question asked on physicals for fire department employees by Beland how often, yearly or how often. Will contact insurance provider and bring back next meeting.

Public Comment:

Concerns on ball fields. Is there a committee for promotion? Parking is an issue to be able to make more fields we would need to provide area for parking. Looking into more.

Meeting adjourned at 10:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Eldridge, Recording Secretary