

Regular Meeting
March 16, 2016

Minutes Approved April 20, 2016

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

Roll call of board members: Barb Crambell-present; Larry Niederstadt-present; Grace Beland-present; Dwight Seaman-present; Kathy Eldridge-present. Also present, Marletta Day, recording secretary and 19 guests.

Moved by Seaman, seconded by Niederstadt to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of Feb 17, 2016. All in favor. Motion passed.

Moved by Niederstadt seconded by Seaman to approve the minutes from the public hearing of Feb 17, 2016. All in favor. Motion passed.

Moved by Crambell, seconded by Niederstadt to approve the minutes from the special meeting of Feb 22, 2016. All in favor. Motion passed.

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

Public Comment: No comment

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

Treasurer's Report: Crambell reported: General Fund, all accounts, \$268,341.30; Public Improvement Fund, \$3,090.64; Road Improvement Fund, \$125,475.00; Fire Fund, \$214,860.28; Fire Equipment Fund, \$51,109.48; Tax Fund, \$89,233.93.

Clerk's Report: Moved by Eldridge, seconded by Crambell, to approve paying bills from General Fund as presented, voucher #21849 through #21895. Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Seaman-yes; Beland-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

Moved by Eldridge, seconded by Niederstadt to approve paying bills from Fire Fund as presented, voucher #7636 through #7654.

Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Beland-yes; Seaman-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

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

Sheriff's Report: Sgt Dave Wagner reviewed the monthly report. In the month of February, total of 36 calls and a 48 hours spent in the area. All Deputies have been trained to use and will carry Naloxone (Narcan) pen.

Fire Department Report: Nothing to report.

Hospital Report: Nothing to report.

Parks and Recreation: Niederstadt reported due to the high winds today, the 2nd dugout was blown over. An ad will be posted in the newspaper for bids in repairing both dugouts.

Planning Commission: Eldridge reported on April 4th at 7pm, is a public hearing on Ordinance #22, of verbiage on signs.

Zoning Administration Report: Niederstadt reviewed report of complaints that have been handled by Guy Mobley, Zoning Administrator, for the month.

Assessor Report: Niederstadt reported that board of review was completed. Only 17 individuals came for dispute.

Old Business

Proposed Amendment to Article XIII of Ordinance 22: Moved by Beland, seconded by Crambell to pass proposed amendment to article #13 of Ordinance #22. Roll call vote: Larry-no; Crambell-yes; Eldridge-yes; Seaman-yes; Beland-yes. Motion passed.

Umlor Violation – Attorney Opinion: Moved by Niederstadt, seconded by Crambell to go into closed session pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act, being MCL 15.268(h), to consider the written memo from our attorney dated January 22, 2016 which is exempt from disclosure by Section 13(1)(g) of Michigan Freedom of Information Act, being MCL 15.243(1)(g) since this memo is subject to the attorney-client privilege. Note: A 2/3 roll call vote is required to go into closed session. In addition, a separate set of minutes of the closed session must be taken for kept for 1 year and 1 day after approval of the minutes of the open session at which the closed session was approved. Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Seaman-yes; Beland-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

Moved by Eldridge, seconded by Crambell, to make a motion to authorize the zoning administrator and the township attorney, to proceed with the enforcement action under the zoning ordinance of Mr. Umlor's patio. Roll call vote: Seaman-yes; Beland-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Crambell-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

Heritage Foundation Property – Update: Niederstadt reported the ongoing project by Fahl Forest Products in the removal of timber from the Aug 2nd storm on the backside of the property. Mike Merriweather is onsite overseeing and keeping track of the wood that has been taken out.

July 4th Sandbar Committee Report: Reviewed report in the packet, and checking with sign company for availability and cost.

New Business

Road Millage: Niederstadt informed board that the current millage is up this year from when it was initially passed. Beland wanted it stated in the minutes, she would like to do research on a bond issue.

Moved by Niederstadt, seconded by Crambell, propose of 1 mil for road improvement. Roll call vote: Seaman-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Crambell-yes; Eldridge-yes; Beland-yes. Motion passed.

Board of Review Alternates: Niederstadt stated (2) people are needed as Alternates as fill-ins for the Board of Review of tax assessments. A required 5 hour class is in February.

Blue Lake Township Ordinance – Large Gathering: TLPA supplied (2) ordinances from Blue Lake Township and Suttons Bay about large gathering. Moved by Niederstadt, seconded by Seaman, to get permission by the board to take to the township attorney, the (2) two mass gathering ordinance

along with ordinance #20 to get his opinion. Roll call vote: Beland-yes; Seaman-yes; Crambell-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

Assessor – Public Inspection Policy: Moved by Beland, seconded by Niederstadt, for public inspection policy presented by the Assessor, for assessing. All in favor. Motion passed.

Mowing Bid – Run Ad: Niederstadt stated an ad will be posted in the newspaper for mowing bids at the cemetery.

Newsletter Approval: Moved by Beland, seconded by Seaman to approve newsletter. Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Eldridge-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Beland-yes; Seaman-yes. Motion passed.

Clean Up Date May 7th: Moved by Beland, seconded by Seaman, to accept the proposal to have American Waste for Clean up.
Roll call vote: Beland-yes; Eldridge-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Seaman-yes Beland-yes. Motion passed.

Moved by Eldridge, seconded by Crambell, to raise our Deputy Clerk, Pat Gray, and our Deputy Treasurer, Sylvia Stroh, wages from \$12.00 an hour to \$13.00 per hour. This is based on the dedication and time they spend on each and every task and the job duties that they deal with. Roll call vote: Beland-yes; Seaman-yes; Crambell-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

Moved by Eldridge, seconded by Seaman, to raise our Zoning Administrator wages by \$1000.00. This is based on the dedication and time he spends on each and every task as job duties that he/she deals with. Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Beland-yes; Eldridge-yes; Seaman-yes. Motion passed.

Seeds Update: Niederstadt received a form from the Seeds program requesting hiring for their group for summer help.

Naming Bridge Park on Aarwood Rd. After Abe Devol: Moved by Beland, seconded by Seaman, to name the park on Aarwood Rd to Abe Devol Park. All in favor. Motion passed.

Public Comment:

TLPA representative stated disappointment and concerns from the committee, not receiving support, and the process moving slowly.

Meeting adjourned at 10:03pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Marletta Day, Recording Secretary