

Regular Meeting
May 18, 2016

Minutes Approved June 15, 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; Barb Crambell-present; Grace Beland-present; Kathy Eldridge-present; Dwight Seaman-not present. Also present, Marletta Day, recording secretary and 27 guests.

Moved by Eldridge, seconded by Beland to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of April 20, 2016, with amended as follows: Paragraph 3 and 4, change 2015 to 2016; Parks and Recreation, strike McClains Hardware. Roll call vote: Beland-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Crambell-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

Moved by Beland, seconded by Crambell to approve the minutes from the special meeting of April 27, 2016. Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Eldridge-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Beland-yes. Motion passed.

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

Public Comment:

Residents of Aarwood Trail thanked the board for funding the recent work on their road, stating it is wonderful.

Attorney Kevin Hesselink introduced himself, as he is running for the office of 46th Circuit Judge. Mr. Hesselink reviewed his 29 years of experience and expertise as an attorney.

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

Treasurer's Report: Crambell reported: General Fund, all accounts, \$265,648.27; Public Improvement Fund, \$3,091.65; Road Improvement Fund, \$134,416.43; Fire Fund,\$205,863.86; Fire Equipment Fund, \$55,575.22; Tax Fund, \$63.47.

Clerk's Report: Moved by Eldridge, seconded by Crambell to approve paying bills from General Fund as presented, voucher #21965 through #22014. Roll call vote: Beland-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Crambell-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

Moved by Eldridge, seconded by Crambell to approve paying bills from Fire Fund as presented, voucher #7679 through #7696. Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Beland-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

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

Fire Department Report: Moved by Beland, seconded by Crambell to approve funding of a total of \$300, for Greg Bradley to attend the Fire Service Safety Culture. The class is \$280, and \$20 is for meal, with receipts. Roll call vote: Beland-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Crambell-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

Fire Chief Jeff West reported that runs are way down, with the EMS taking emergency calls. West met with John Rogers, about installing a pivoting dry hydrant, attached to the bridge on Aarwood Rd.

Sheriff's Report: Sheriff Whiteford reviewed report for the month of April. Deputy Beaver will be the new township officer, and will be reviewing monthly reports for the board, next month.

Hospital Report: Mary Ann Ewald reported on that the hospital is doing fine financially. The full time doctors are working well in the ER department. There will be an Open House-Strawberry Social at the Educational Center on May 26th from 5 to 7pm.

Parks and Recreation: Moved by Beland, seconded by Crambell to approve \$600 for flowers for cemetery, etc. Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Beland-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

Joann Childs requested permission to place plants behind sign at cemetery. Board approved.

Planning Commission: No report.

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

Assessor Report: Township has received notice that Kankaska County is being audited this calendar year. Documentation of records will be reviewed to insure current and correct information.

Old Business

Heritage Foundation Property- Update: Logs are still being removed from property. Restoration will have to be done, possibly a bulldozer will be needed to smooth out ruts due to the heavy weight in removing of logs.

Road Millage – Update: Language has been approved for the upcoming August election. Meeting with John Rogers there will be a total of 9 roads that will be taken into consideration. A public meeting hearing will be held before the election.

Aarwood Trl. Road Work – Update: Road work has been completed, shoulders still need to be finished.

DNR Wake – Update: There will be a public hearing on June 9th to expand the current 600 ft markers to 900 ft. A notice will appear in the Elk Rapids newspaper since it is delivered to all residents in the township.

Sand Bar Committee: Update: Gary Petty has a potential resolution, and will submit to the board for consideration. If approved, it will be presented to the court, to take under consideration with the current lawsuit.

Bridge Park on Aarwood – Update: Beland reported that committee has visited park, and have compiled a list of items that would like to be implemented. Beland will provide bids to board once received.

Sheriff Whiteford – Questions: Sheriff Whiteford informed board that local enforcement, MSP and DNR have met, developing plans and actions for July 4th weekend. Organizing resources from different departments, with approximately an additional 12 officers. One new action is to take decimal meter readings of noise, from different areas and different times, over several weekends, for comparison.

Moved by Niederstadt, seconded by Eldridge, for a \$2,000 donation to the Marine Patrol, to be used on Torch Lake and Torch River, as needed for this summer. Roll call vote: Niederstadt-yes; Beland-yes; Crambell-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed

New Business

Sand Bar Flags - Purchase: Moved by Niederstadt, seconded by Crambell to invest in (2) flags at the total cost of \$240 to be used for on the 4th of July. Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Beland-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed

Access Site Dumpster Placement: Niederstadt discussed the placement of different dumpsters for July 4th weekend. He will be getting quotes for sizes, and inquiring about emptying them throughout the day for that weekend.

Per Diem: Niederstadt and Eldridge have been working on verbiage for per diem

Glade Valley Bridge: Problems: Niederstadt will be contacting Peter Wendling concerning issues that are occurring during the building of a home in that area.

Gym Use: Problems-Policy-Outstanding Keys: Niederstadt is writing a policy for use of the Township Hall (gym), and will submit to board for approval. Niederstadt is inquiring about an electronic lock, due to numerous keys that have been issued over the years for individuals to use the facility. Township has been very fortunate that there has been no vandalism done to the gym, and there are concerns over its security.

Public Comment:

Inquiring about the Umlor property, and were informed that owner and attorney should have received official papers about the violation.

Adjourned:

Moved by Niederstadt to adjourn meeting, seconded by Crambell. All in favor. Motion passed, ending meeting at 9:17 pm.

Respectively submitted by
Marletta Day, Recording Secretary