

The regular meeting of the Clearwater Township Board was called to order at 7:02 pm at the Clearwater Township Community Center by Supervisor Niederstadt with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of board members: Barb Crambell-present; Kathy Eldridge- not present; Larry Niederstadt-present; Grace Beland-present; Dwight Seaman- present. Also present, Marletta Day, as recording secretary and 14 guests.

Moved by Beland, seconded by Seaman to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of October 19, 2016. All in favor – Motion passed.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: No conflict.

Niederstadt thanked Grace Beland for her time, effort, research and service, during tenure on the board.

Public Comment: None

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

Zoning Administration Report: Niederstadt reviewed report submitted by Guy Mobly. Niederstadt reported on the court findings of the 3 tickets issued, with Judge Buday agreeing, with completion date of May 1st. Niederstadt also informed the board the Umlor case will be heard on Dec 12th, and a special meeting with the attorney will be held prior to the court date.

Treasurer's Report: Crambell reported: General Fund, all accounts, \$252,783.52; Public Improvement Fund, \$3,095.09; Road Improvement Fund, \$30,824.07; Fire Fund,\$183,463.66; Fire Equipment Fund, \$18,563.93; Tax Fund, \$34,570.16.

Clerk's Report: Due to Eldridge absence, the report will be given in December.

Moved by Crambell, seconded by Beland to approve paying bills from General Fund as presented, voucher #22314 through #22359. Roll call vote: Seaman-yes; Beland-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Crambell-yes. Motion passed.

Moved by Crambell, seconded by Beland to approve paying bills from Fire Fund as presented, voucher #7791 through #7795. Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Beland-yes; Seaman-yes. Motion passed.

Accountability Statement: The treasurer balanced with the bank.

Sheriff's Report: No Report

Fire Department Report: Fire Chief Jeff West reported to the board that the weight limit has been reduced on at bridges on Dundas & Trosko Road. Due to the weight of the fire trucks, they would not be able to cross in the event of a fire in those areas. Pat Gray will supply the addresses, and the Fire Department will send out notification to home owners.

Hospital Report: Maryanne Ewald informed board that all road construction is complete by the hospital, and the renovation work continues hopefully to be completed by the end of November. Upcoming Community Sharps Day Disposal is Dec 13th from 8am to 12:30pm. Also any unused medication can be dropped off at the Sheriff's Department.

Parks and Recreation: Pat Gray updated the board, the Juniper Garden Club went ahead and planted plants on the corner of Rapid City Road and River Street. It is in the works to make that portion a public easement

Planning Commission: No report

Assessor Report: – Dawn Kuhns reported to the board on the Audit findings. A Corrective Action Plan has been drafted.

Old Business

Heritage Foundation Property- Update: Jerry Cannon reported the road that was used for logging has been repaired, and is passable. Cannon briefed the board on the committee's current plans, and will be emailing the monthly minute meetings to Pat Gray, to keep the board updated on progress.

Update on Tax Case: Dawn Kuhns reported attending the tribunal court case, and will have the decision in the next couple of weeks.

Glade Valley Bridge – Update: Niederstadt reported H&H Engineering hasn't heard anything, but will check with John Rogers to see if the report was sent to the Road Commission. The trail cam hasn't been purchased, due to Niederstadt having surgery.

Update on Ticket Cases: Covered above.

Baggs Road Meeting: Niederstadt reported attending a meeting on Nov 1st between Kalkaska County Road Commission committing to \$75,000, Clearwater Township committing to \$104,000, Whitewater Township committing to \$104,000, and Grand Traverse Road Commission committing to \$125,000. for the repaving of Baggs Road. Cost of paving could be approximately \$300,000 to \$400,000, depending on the bids.

Aarwood Park – Update: Discussion on renaming the Park to a Launch, as it is not a park. Board will wait until spring to revisit, after family is contacted and agrees.

Security System – Update: Niederstadt reported the DVR installation date has been scheduled.

License Agreement: Niederstadt reviewed the updated license agreement for encroachment of the house and water well on Lake Street. Moved by Niederstadt, seconded by Beland, to accept updated license agreement. Roll call vote: Seaman-yes; Beland-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Crambell-yes. Motion passed.

New Business

Sand Bar Committee – Update: Niederstadt reported the committee went over the costs. It was reported that over the 3 day weekend, it cost over \$7,000 a day, and next year will cost more, due to a longer weekend.

Conversion – Street Lights: Niederstadt reported 4 Mercur4y Vapor lights need to be converted, and we have been overcharged by Consumers. The township will be receiving a refund for approximately \$9,000. Moved by Seaman-seconded by Niederstadt to convert the four lights to high

pressure sodium at no cost to the township and request the refund they owe us. Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Beland-yes; Seaman-yes. Motion passed.

ZBA – Opening: Pat Gray is putting an ad in the paper for advertisement. Someone will be selected next board meeting.

No meeting has been scheduled for Gym committee, but Beland will be informed.

Pat Gray was recognized and thanked for her 20 years of service.

Public Comment:

Adjourned:

Moved by Niederstadt to adjourn meeting. All in favor. Motion passed, ending meeting at 8:50 pm.

Respectively submitted by
Marletta Day, Recording Secretary