

Regular Meeting
October 21, 2015

Minutes Approved 11/18/2015

The regular meeting of the Clearwater Township Board was called to order at 7:01 p.m. at the Clearwater Township Community Center by Supervisor Niederstadt with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of board members: Seaman-present; Beland-present; Niederstadt-present; Crambell-present; Eldridge-present. Also present, Pat Gray, recording secretary and 16 guests.

Moved by Crambell, seconded by Seaman to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of September 16, 2015. All in favor. Motion passed.

Moved by Niederstadt, seconded by Crambell to approve the minutes from the special meeting of September 26, 2015. All in favor. Motion passed.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: Seaman-none; Beland-none; Niederstadt-none; Crambell-none; Eldridge-none.

Public Comment: Greg Payne presented a request for a resolution from the township to the DNR recommending the "No Wake" zone at the mouth of the Torch River be extended from 300' to 900'

This request also affects Milton Township, and they have passed a resolution.

Approval of Agenda: Beland requested the addition of "Agenda" under new business. Moved by Crambell, seconded by Eldridge to approve the agenda with the additional item. All in favor. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: General Fund, all accounts, \$213,944.82; Public Improvement Fund, \$13,151.31; Road Improvement Fund, \$115,513.94; Fire Fund, \$126,838.63; Fire Equipment Fund, \$39,456.37; Tax Fund, \$254,048.81.

Clerk's Report: Moved by Eldridge, seconded by Crambell to approve paying bills from the General Fund as presented, voucher #21596 through 21655. Roll call vote: Beland, yes; Seaman, yes; Crambell, yes; Niederstadt, yes; Eldridge, yes. Motion passed. Moved by Eldridge, seconded by Crambell to approve paying bills from the Fire Fund as presented, voucher #7531 through #7552. Roll call vote: Crambell, yes; Seaman, 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: West reported they will need to be replacing one of their set of "Jaws". Will bring estimates to the next meeting. The EMS system at the station is working very well. West asked the board to schedule time to go through the Fire Department policies. There was discussion on the subject of physicals. Moved by Niederstadt and seconded by Seaman that all fire department personnel (currently 10 on roster) have a completed physical by January 1, 2016. Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Beland-yes; Seaman-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

Sheriff's Report: Deputy Forester gave his report and answered questions from the audience. He reported that 63 children had been certified at the Hunter Safety Course.

Hospital Report: Mary Ann Ewald presented the latest board meeting report from Kalkaska Memorial Hospital. She stated that Plante Moran had completed the financial audit ending June 30, 2015 which showed a very strong year financially for the hospital.

Parks and Recreation: No Report

Planning Commission: No Report

Zoning Administrator's Report: Niederstadt read the report and Molby responded to questions regarding complaints.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bid removal of damaged trees - One bid was received for tree removal. Moved by Niederstadt, seconded by Eldridge to approve \$825.00 for the removal of one tree at the fire department and \$2300.00 for removal of storm damage trees at the cemetery for a total of \$3125.00 to Unlimited Outdoors. Roll call vote: Seaman-yes; Beland-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Crambell-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

Spending Resolution: This item tabled until next month.

Seeds Report – The Seeds group took care of the brush pile at Heritage Park with their grinder and took chips to Freedom Park to be spread.

Reimbursement for Damaged Equipment – A reimbursement was given to Jason Morrison for a pair of cutters he damaged while taking care of storm damage for the township.

Article 26 Amendment for Approval – Board will review and address next month.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of 2014 Audit. Moved by Eldridge and seconded by Crambell to approve the 2014 audit. Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Beland-abstained; Seaman-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

Sand Bar Committee: Niederstadt reported they worked primarily on parking situations. They are proposing parking on one side of the road in many locations as a safety concern. Moved by Eldridge and seconded by Seaman to give Niederstadt permission to contact our attorney for an opinion regarding a resolution to prohibit parking on the even side of the roads in certain areas for a specified number of days next year over the 4th of July holiday. Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Seaman-yes; Beland-yes; Niederstadt-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

Tree Damage on McNulty Hill: Moved by Beland, seconded by Crambell to give Niederstadt authority to contact a logger to assess the tree damage on McNulty Hill. All in favor, motion passed.

Resolution on "No Wake" Limits: Board wants to review material and bring back next month.

Addition of “Agenda”: Moved by Beland and seconded by Seaman that the board receive their packet for meetings five days prior to the meeting. All in favor, motion passed.

Public Comment:

Motion to adjourn at 9:32

Pat Gray, Recording Secretary