

Clearwater Township Regular Board Meeting

June 20, 2019

Minutes Approved July 18, 2019

The regular meeting of the Clearwater Township Board was called to order at 7:00pm at the Clearwater Township Community Center by Supervisor Mike Gaylord, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of board members: Jeremy Morrison-present; Greg Bradley-present; Mike Gaylord-present; Barb Crambell-present; Kathy Eldridge-present. Also present Marletta Day, as recording secretary, and 27 guests.

Motion by Crambell, seconded by Bradley, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of May 16, 2019.

Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Eldridge-yes; Bradley-yes; Morrison-yes; Gaylord-yes. Motion passed.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: No conflict.

Public Comment:

Kalkaska County Commissioner John West updated the board on current issues with Kalkaska County from June 19th monthly meeting.

Mike Bieniek, Bill Pollack, James French and Attorney Steve Staple, all from LLC Telecom Services spoke about the communications tower that was erected. The representatives stated the tower was needed in the area and that they are trying to be good neighbors.

Several residents of the township spoke against the tower. Others encouraged the township to support Point of Sale septic testing in Kalkaska County and expressed concerns with zoning enforcement.

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

Treasurer's Report: Crambell reported: General Fund, all accounts, \$376,157.08; Public Improvement Fund, \$3,110.03; Road Improvement Fund, \$135,562.82; Fire Fund,\$246,366.95; Fire Equipment Fund, \$31,784.94; Tax Fund, \$1.53.

Clerk's Report: Motion by Eldridge, seconded by Crambell, paying bills from General Fund as presented, voucher #23875 through #23980.

Roll call vote: Bradley-yes Gaylord-yes; Crambell-yes; Morrison-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Eldridge, seconded by Crambell, paying bills from Fire Fund as presented, voucher #8451 through #8502.

Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Morrison-yes; Bradley-yes; Gaylord-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

Accountability Statement: The treasurer balanced with the bank for the months of May & June, and the clerk balanced with the treasurer for the months of May & June.

Supervisor's Report: Mike Gaylord reported that as of July 1st accommodations are ready for full time EMS coverage. He also updated the board that electrical service at the Birch Street Park pavilion is in progress, port-a-johns have been placed at Freedom Park East and West and the outhouses are now locked.

Fire Department Report: Fire Chief Paul Fabiano reported a total of 32 runs for the month of May. The Chief also stated that due to resource costs and liability concerns, the Fire Department will no longer provide the service of filling swimming pools. Chief Fabiano also provided the board with information regarding the MERS retirement program and that annual salary adjustments would be included in June's payroll information.

Motion by Gaylord, seconded by Crambell, to allow the Fire Department to put out for bids, with an ending date of the last day of July.

Roll call vote: Morrison-yes; Gaylord-yes; Crambell-yes; Bradley-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

Sheriff's Report: Deputy Nate Deveneau reviewed May activities, stating nothing notable, just minor incidents.

Planning Commission: Tom Backer reported that at the June regular meeting, the commission voted to decline adopting a proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance which pertained to telecommunication towers.

Zoning Administration Report: Gaylord stated a meeting with the Zoning Administrator was held to discuss duties. No monthly report was available.

Parks and Recreation: Deana Jerdee with Paddle Antrim, provided updates on the Chain of Lakes Water Trail and requested to install signs and a kiosk with map and information, at specific Township access sites at no charge to the Township.

Motion by Gaylord, seconded by Morrison, to sign the signage agreement between Clearwater Water Township and Paddle Antrim.

Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Eldridge-yes; Gaylord-yes; Morrison-yes; Bradley-yes. Motion passed.

Old Business

Roads Update: Gaylord reported West Plum Valley Road is completed; agreement has been signed for Morrison Road, holding off on Shell-Way and going to look at it next year.

Noise Ordinance (#29): Set Date for Public Hearing. Public Hearing for the Noise Ordinance date set for July 18th at 6:30pm, before regular monthly Township Board Meeting.

Review Tennis Court Foundation Removal Bids: Three (3) sealed bids were opened and tabled until next meeting to verify terms before selecting a vendor.

New Business

July 4th Preparations:

Approve closure of Lake St. Access site for Sheriff Dept use from July 3 through July 7:

Motion by Gaylord, seconded by Eldridge, allows the closure of Lake Street Access site for Sheriff Department use from July 3rd through July 7th.

All in favor. Motion passed.

TLPA Plans: Boat launch, Lake St Access: Sue stated TLPA is going to do the same as last year from July 3rd to July 8th.

Township Plans – Jet Ski? Trash?: Motion by Kathy, seconded by Crambell, we do the jet ski, up to \$1,000 for 2 days, trash and port-a-johns on Lake Street, the same amount as last year, if not a little more, from July 3rd to July 8th.

Roll call vote: Morrison-yes; Bradley-yes; Eldridge-yes; Crambell-yes; Gaylord-yes. Motion passed.

Zoning Administrator Job Description: Motion by Eldridge, seconded by Crambell, the board to adopt the job description.

Roll call vote: Morrison-yes; Bradley-yes; Crambell-yes; Eldridge-yes; Gaylord-yes. Motion passed.

Zoning Enforcement Policy (Resolution 5 of 2019): Motion by Eldridge, seconded by Crambell, to accept Resolution #5 of 2019 Ordinance Enforcement Policy for Clearwater Township.

Roll call vote: Eldridge-yes; Morrison-yes; Gaylord-yes; Crambell-yes; Bradley-yes. Motion passed.

Rapid River Twp Fire Protection Agreement July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020: Gaylord will get in touch with Rapid River Township Supervisor Terry Williams. Regardless, Clearwater Township Fire Department will continue to honor the mutual aid agreement with Rapid River Township.

Motion by Bradley, seconded by Crambell, to draft a letter to them, and the Kankaska County Dispatch, that on July 31st, if no contract has been signed to the 1.5 mils, we will cut services as first responders.

Roll call vote: Gaylord-yes; Morrison-yes; Bradley-yes; Crambell-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

Public Comment:

Tom Pierce requested Planning Commission to check into no overnight mooring on Clearwater Township waters. Gaylord mentioned Ordinance #20 of 2007, Clearwater Township Road Endings Public Access Site and Park Ordinance, that addresses the issue.

Adjourned:

Motion by Bradley to adjourn meeting, seconded by Crambell. All in favor. Motion passed, ending meeting at 8:38 pm.

Respectively submitted by
Marletta Day, Recording Secretary