

Regular Meeting
July 18, 2019
Minutes Approved August 15, 2019

The regular meeting of the Clearwater Township Board was called to order at 6:30pm 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; Kathy Eldridge-present; Barb Crambell-not present; Also present, Marletta Day, as recording secretary and 47 guests.

Open Public Hearing to discuss proposed Noise Ordinance: Proposed Ordinance No. 29 was available for audience review and discussion.

Public Comment and Discussion:

Numerous township residents stated their opinions in favor of and against the Ordinance.

Comments in favor included: night time incidents happening between 11pm and 3am such as loud music, fireworks, and vehicles, motorcycles, ORV's, ATV's roaring through the area into the very late hours of the night; people have to go to work the next morning; some do not respect neighbors or other residents; loud noises at 2:30am are not needed.

Comments against included: Over-zoning; nowhere for youth to do anything in the area; DNR closed state land making it off limits to ORV and ATV's. Some concern expressed that the ordinance would interrupt normal activities.

Motion by Bradley, seconded by Gaylord, to close Public Hearing.
All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Eldridge, seconded by Bradley, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of June 20, 2019.

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

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: No conflict.

Public Comment:

Several residents commented on concerns about: Point of Sale and preserving natural resources; Noise Ordinance No 29; Fireworks; Ordinance 22, Article 24 Text amendment regarding the telecommunications tower and campgrounds popping up in area with no special land use permits.

Millage Renewals in August 6 election were discussed by: Jody with the Commission on Aging, Mike Morant, Board Trustee with the Kankaska County Library and John Rogers, Commissioner with Kankaska County Road Commission who informed how past funds have been distributed and encouraged voters to continue support.

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

Treasurer's Report: Clerk Eldridge read the Treasurer's report: General Fund, all accounts, \$329,689.47; Public Improvement Fund, \$3,110.12; Road Improvement Fund, \$96,081.91; Fire Fund,\$236,932.57; Fire Equipment Fund, \$31,790.01; Tax Fund, \$1.69.

Clerk's Report: Motion by Eldridge, seconded by Bradley, paying bills from General Fund as presented, voucher #23982 through #24033.

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

Motion by Eldridge, seconded by Morrison, paying bills from Fire Fund as presented, voucher #8503 through #8522.

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

Accountability Statement: Due to absence of Treasurer this will be done next month.

Supervisor's Report: Mike Gaylord reported: on full time ambulance crew, zoning violations and old outhouse bathrooms locked at Freedom Park for safety.

Fire Department Report: Fire Chief Paul Fabiano reported on June's monthly activities, reporting a total of 46 incidents. Fabiano updated Smoke and CO2 detectors program and that ISO dropped rating to an 8B for those living within 5 miles of Fire Station.

Sheriff's Report: Deputy Nate Deveneau reported on June's monthly activities. Under Sheriff Wagner reported the July 4th event was overall uneventful and went well; keeping it in control.

Planning Commission: Tom Backers reported on monthly activities.

Zoning Administration Report: Zoning Administrator not available to report.

Parks and Recreation: Morrison reported he met with Paddle Antrim for placement of signage and kiosks at township designated access sites.

Old Business

July 4th Update: Gaylord reviewed the township cost to support activities.

Paddle Antrim Donation: Motion by Eldridge, seconded by Morrison, to approve \$1,000 and that would allow them to put signs in, that would give us the authority to be able to control the area and monitor it, in return provide the recreational activities a point of residence.

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

Rapid River Fire Protection Status Update: Eldridge spoke with Supervisor Williams; the Rapid River board agreed to a 1.5 millage contract. They will be sending a contract to Clearwater Township soon.

Select Tennis Court Foundation Removal Vendor: Motion by Gaylord, seconded by Morrison, to accept bid from Ralph's Excavating for \$12,000.

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

New Business

Q1 Budget Review: Motion by Eldridge, seconded by Morrison, to move \$5,000 from Twp Board Control: Attorney to Twp Board Control: Office Supply.

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

Motion by Eldridge, seconded by Bradley, to move \$5,000 from Twp Board Control: Insurance to Twp Board Control: Other Professional Services.

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

Motion by Eldridge, seconded by Bradley, to move \$1,000 from Contingency Fund to the Assessors Control: Other Professional Services.

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

Motion by Eldridge, seconded by Bradley, to move \$4,000 from Contingency Fund to the Cemetery Control: Repair & Maintenance.

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

Motion by Eldridge, seconded by Gaylord, to move \$5,000 from Contingency Fund to the Health Center Control: Contract Services.

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

Motion by Eldridge, seconded by Bradley, to move \$1,500 from Contingency Fund to the Board of Review: Salaries.

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

Annual Audit Scheduled – July 22 & 23: Eldridge reported Township Audit is this Monday and Tuesday.

Election Reminder August 6th: Eldridge reported there are 3 proposals for renewal on the ballot; Aging, Library, and Road Commission, encouraged voters to come and vote.

Noise Ordinance (#29): Motion by Eldridge, seconded by Bradley, to accept Noise Ordinance #29 as amended in Section 4 (d), and Section 6 (#4).

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

Mass Gathering Memo from Planning Commission: Tabled until next month's meeting.

Ordinance 22, Article 24 Text Amendment Discussion: Motion by Bradley, seconded by Eldridge, to go into a closed session to discuss an attorney/client privileged memorandum.

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

Motion by Gaylord, seconded by Eldridge, to go from the closed session back to the open meeting.

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

Motion by Bradley, seconded by Morrison: It is consensus of the Township Board that there was a rational public safety reason for imposing strict spacing requirements for telecommunications towers in residential districts and that the original reason remains pertinent today. Therefore, the Township Board denies both proposed amendments to the Clearwater Township Ordinance 22, Zoning Ordinance.

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

Public Comment:

Greg Handlin submitted to the board a recommended text change to Ordinance 22, Article 24.

A resident spoke in favor of the Noise Ordinance.

Adjourned:

Motion by Eldridge to adjourn meeting, seconded by Morrison. All in favor. Motion passed, ending meeting at 8:44 pm.

Respectively submitted by
Marletta Day, Recording Secretary