

Regular Meeting
August 19, 2008

The regular meeting of the Clearwater Township Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Grimm. Board members present were: D. Grimm, Belanger, Johnson, Vance, S. Grimm. Also present were 20 guests.

Supervisor Grimm opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerks Report: Moved by D. Grimm, seconded by Belanger to accept the corrected minutes of July 15, 2008 as presented. Correction to be in paragraph 11, second sentence to read proposed rezoning from Residential to Village Commercial not proposed rezoning from Residential to Village Commission. All in favor. Motion carried.

Moved by S. Grimm, seconded by Vance to approve paying bills from the General Fund, voucher number 17098 through 17129 as presented. Roll Call Vote: Johnson Yes; Vance-Yes; Belanger-Yes; S. Grimm-Yes; D. Grimm-Yes. Motion carried.

Moved by S. Grimm, seconded by Johnson to approve paying bills from the Fire Fund, voucher number 5587 through 5593 as presented. Roll Call Vote: D. Grimm-Yes; Belanger-Yes; Vance-Yes; S. Grimm-Yes; Johnson " Yes. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: General Fund (all accounts) \$328,247.83; Public Improvement Fund \$91,047.80; Fire Fund (all accounts) \$110,643.77; Tax Fund \$4,959.99.

Accountability Statement: Treasurer balanced with bank. Clerk balanced with Treasurer on all accounts.

Sheriff Report: Deputy Scott Griffith presented July 2008 report.

Public Comment: Question in regards to the rezoning of Rapid City Road North from Plum Valley Road. No action being taken at this meeting. Would like clarification of what is being rezoned.

Proposal to have a deputy just for the township, funded by the General Fund. Feels there are enough crimes occurring to justify cost. The Sheriff Department is overwhelmed. Local business owners do not call in break-ins because of higher insurance rates. May be a wiser move to increase hours through the Sheriff Department versus hiring due to oversight issues.

Supervisor Grimm explained that the township needs to look after the general fund and may have to increase tax base and millage amount to support any new services. State and federal grants are usually not available due to lack of funding.

Cemetery Land purchase has been completed, just waiting on final papers.

Hospital Report: Maryanne Ewald presented report.

Planning Commission: Huse Johnson presented zoning administrator report. Commission is looking at sample fireworks ordinance and will be presenting it to the board.

Zoning Administrator complaint: Presented zoning administrator complaint about four months ago in regards to neighbor who built deck too close to waters edge on Shellway Drive with no permits. Has not received any satisfaction in regards to situation and would like something done in regards to zoning administrator, either have him issue citation or take action to discipline him. Would like to be kept informed about what is being done in regards to situation.

Fencing issue: Torch Bridge Court resident built fence to waters edge, finished edge is facing property owner not neighbors. No permits issued for placement of fence. Kankaska County Zoning Ordinance does not address fence placement. Supervisor Grimm advised them to send letter to Planning Commission and ask them to address issue.

Oil & Gas Lease: Moved by D. Grimm, seconded by Vance to have Supervisor sign Oil & Gas Lease with Atlas Gas & Oil Co, LLC amended as follows: Per acre fee payment to be \$75 per acre, royalty rate to the township for production within the subject units to 1/6th, clarified the non-disturbance/non-development nature of the Lease and limits the Lease to production of natural gas. Roll call vote: Vance-Yes; Johnson-No; S. Grimm-Yes; Belanger-No; D. Grimm-Yes. Motion carried.

Fire Report: Moved by Vance, seconded by S. Grimm to approve Marty Lockman and Scott Tracy to attend EMT Basic class at a cost of \$462.00 each. Roll Call Vote: Belanger-Yes; S. Grimm-Yes; D. Grimm-Yes; Johnson-Yes; Vance-Yes. Motion carried.

Moved by D. Grimm, seconded by Johnson to purchase two mobile radios, two sets of turn out gear and wig-wag lights at a cost not to exceed \$4,261. Roll Call Vote: Johnson-Yes; Belanger-Yes; D. Grimm-Yes; S. Grimm-Yes; Vance-Yes. Motion carried.

Greg Bradley, President to Fire Association would like millage for fire equipment placed on ballot.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie K. Vance
Township Clerk