

Regular Meeting
June 17, 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: Vance, Johnson, D. Grimm, Belanger & S. Grimm. Also present were 46 guests.

Supervisor Grimm opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerks Report: Moved by Johnson, seconded by D. Grimm to accept the Regular Meeting minutes of May 20, 2008 as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Moved by D. Grimm, seconded by S. Grimm to approve paying bills from the General Fund, voucher number 16989 through 17010 as presented. Roll Call Vote: Johnson-Yes; Vance-Yes; S. Grimm-Yes; D. Grimm-Yes; Belanger-Yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Vance, seconded by D. Grimm to approve paying bills from the Fire Fund, voucher number 5547 through 5556 as presented. Roll Call Vote: Belanger-Yes; D. Grimm-Yes; Vance-Yes; Johnson-Yes; S. Grimm-Yes. Motion carried.

Cemetery Maps: Moved by D. Grimm, seconded by Belanger to approve up to \$600.00 for new maps of the cemetery with the plots with names shown from Farrier Surveying, Inc. All in favor. Motion carried.

Draper Land Transfer:
RESOLUTION
Moved by: Vance

Seconded by: Johnson

That the Clearwater Township Board authorizes the transfer of a parcel of land described as follows:

In the Township of Clearwater, County of Kalkaska, State of Michigan; commencing at the Northwest corner of Lot 10, Block B, Smith and Rikers Addition to Rapid City, as reconstructed by Eugene D. Farrier, PS#24594 on January 12, 2004; thence North $01^{\circ}18'40''$ East 66.01 feet along the east right of way of Rapid City Road to the North right of way line of Water Street as reconstructed by Eugene D. Farrier, being in the approximate center line of the bituminous surface; thence continuing North $01^{\circ}18'40''$ East 99.00 feet along the east right of way of Rapid City Road to a steel rod & identification cap #24592, being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence continuing North $01^{\circ}18'40''$ East 38.00 feet; thence South $88^{\circ}28'38''$ East 280.00 feet; thence South $01^{\circ}18'40''$ West 38.00 feet; thence North $88^{\circ}28'38''$ West 280.00 feet to the point of beginning, being a part of the Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 9, Town 28 North, Range 8 West, containing 0.24 acres of land.

per Enrolled House Bill #4965 transfer shall be by Quit Claim Deed subject to the approval of the Attorney General. The transfer price of the land shall be 1,900.00, with these funds to be paid to Clearwater Township and then transferred to the State Treasury. All costs associated with this transfer and any costs in the future associated with this transfer to be the responsibility of the Drapers their heirs and assigns. Clearwater Township shall not incur any costs with this transfer.

Further, Township Supervisor and Township Clerk shall be authorized to sign any and all documents required for the above stated transfer.

Roll Call Vote:

Vance: Yes; D. Grimm: Yes; Johnson: Yes; Belanger: Yes; S. Grimm: Yes Motion carried.

Fireworks Ordinance: Moved by D. Grimm, seconded by Johnson to have Planning Commission review proposed Fireworks Ordinance. All in favor. Motion carried.

Bids: Electrical Work for Street Lights

One bid received from Morrison Electric.

Moved by Johnson, seconded by D. Grimm to accept bid from Morrison Electric in the amount of \$24,400.00 for street light wiring. Roll Call Vote: S. Grimm-Yes; Belanger-Yes; Vance-Yes; Johnson-Yes; D. Grimm-Yes. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: General Fund (all accounts) \$331,585.56; Public Improvement Fund \$85,119.50; Fire Fund (all accounts) \$114,004.22; Tax Fund \$639.90.

Elk Rapids Schools Summer Tax Collection: Moved by S. Grimm, seconded by D. Grimm to enter into agreement with Elk Rapids Public Schools for 2008 summer tax collection at \$3.75 per parcel. Roll Call Vote: Johnson-Yes; Belanger-Yes; S. Grimm-Yes; D. Grimm-Yes; Vance-Yes. Motion carried.

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

Sheriff Report: Deputy Griffith presented May 2008 report.

Guest Speakers: Sonja Dunham running for Kalkaska County Clerk; Debra Hill running for Kalkaska County Clerk and Nelson Gelinias running for Kalkaska County Sheriff.

Public Comment: A number of people spoke in regards to the clean up at Charles Cummins residence.

Charise Spink would like to see the township board oaths of office; putting the township under notice for trespassing and taking of private property.

Public: Charles Cummins is an inventor who can fix just about anything, has had a business in Rapid City for 60 years, is an honorable person, business has not bothered anyone until recently, and issue of items being removed could have been handled differently.

Public: Items such as a working refrigerator, ladder, snow shovel were taken & township was out of line removing these items.

Charise Spink indicated she has Quit Claim Deed to property.

Public: Asked if Public Act 183 of 1945 was read by township board. Feels zoning ordinance can only be enacted if population is over 2000.

Public: Someone should have documented what was taken.

Supervisor Grimm indicated the court order was executed as entered by the courts.

Public: Township board should have been more lenient with the items removed. Shameful with how the items were taken. Feels Township should replace what should have not been taken.

Supervisor Grimm indicated that the township cannot expend public money towards replacing items removed.

Public: Feels the township should find some way to assist Mr. Cummins and should let him know that township is concerned about his situation.

Meeting recessed at 8:25 p.m. and was called back to order at 8:42 p.m.

Parks & Recreation: Pat Gray presented following report: Security system was installed at Heritage Park. Thanked the Fire & Rescue personnel for prompt and professional services. Jason Morrison and a number of other businesses built a new flag pole at fire station and it was installed today. Mr. Morrison indicated it was a cooperative effort from a number of individuals and thanked everyone.

Moved by D. Grimm, seconded by Johnson to purchase six (6) dozen chairs for township hall at a cost not to exceed \$663.48. All in favor. Motion carried.

Planning Commission: Moved by D. Grimm, seconded by Belanger to appoint Huse Johnson to the Planning Commission for the balance of his elected term of the township board. Roll Call Vote: Vance-Yes; Belanger-Yes; S. Grimm-Yes; D. Grimm-Yes; Johnson-Yes. Motion carried.

Report: Public hearing was held in regards to changing the zoning from residential to commercial for the area from Plum Valley Road to the township line. The meeting will be continued on July 7, 2008.

Presented Zoning Administrator report. Planning Commission members attended training session in Traverse City.

Old Business: Oil & Gas Lease from Atlas Gas & Oil Company LLC. Moved by D. Grimm, seconded by Belanger to deny current oil & gas lease presented by Atlas Gas & Oil Company LLC. All in favor. Motion carried.

Fire Report: Moved by D. Grimm, seconded by Belanger to approve up to \$71.63 for hardware necessary to mount projector. All in favor. Motion carried.

Moved by Vance, seconded by D. Grimm to hire Rachel Indish on a probationary basis subject to satisfactory background check. Roll Call Vote: Johnson-Yes; S. Grimm-Yes; Belanger-Yes; D. Grimm-Yes; Vance-Yes. Motion carried.

Fire member conduct: Supervisor Grimm presented letter from county prosecutor in regards to Freedom of Information Request on Fire Department letterhead.

Chief West stated why request was made in regards to fire department radio calls to Sheriff Department. Wanted to use them for training purposes. Felt information would not be received if stated as such in request.

Supervisor Grimm thanked everyone for attending meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie K. Vance
Township Clerk