

Regular Meeting November 11, 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: Belanger, Johnson, S. Grimm. Vance was absent. Deputy Clerk, Gray took minutes in Vance's absence. Also present were 21 guests.

Supervisor Grimm opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerks Report: Moved by Grimm, seconded by Johnson to accept the minutes as corrected of October 21, 2008. Correction to be in the first sentence of the paragraph 21 Pat Hubbel corrected to read Pat Hubble. All in favor. Motion carried.

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Belanger to approved minutes as presented from the public hearing of October 28, 2008. All in favor. Motion carried.

Moved by D. Grimm, seconded by S. Grimm to approve paying bills from the General Fund, voucher number 17269 through number 17284 as presented. Roll call vote: S. Grimm-yes; Johnson-yes; Belanger-yes; D. Grimm-yes. Motion carried.

Moved by S. Grimm, seconded by Belanger to approve paying bills from the Fire Fund, voucher number 5656 through number 5659. Roll call vote: Johnson-yes; S. Grimm-yes; D. Grimm-yes; Belanger-yes. Motion carried.

Snow Removal Bids: One bid was received by Chain-O-Lakes Lawn & Snow in the amount of \$185.00 per time for removal of snow from the sidewalks in Rapid City.

Also under consideration were three quotes for the following snow removal equipment; John Deere 47" 2-stage snow blower and Curtis soft side cab with heat. The quotes were: Classic Farm Equipment \$5644.92; Lappan's of Gaylord \$6719.85; Work N Play Shop \$6519.00. Discussion of whether the Classic quote was a 2-stage blower.

Moved by D. Grimm, seconded by Belanger to purchase the equipment as described by Classic Farm Equipment for \$5644.92 if it is a 2 stage blower as quoted by Lappans and Work N Play. Roll call vote: S. Grimm-yes; Johnson-yes; D. Grimm-yes; Belanger-yes. Motion carried.

Moved by D. Grimm, seconded by Johnson that in the event the Classic Farm Equipment quote is not a 2 stage blower that we accept the quote from Work N Play in the amount of \$6519.00. Roll call vote: Belanger-yes; S. Grimm-yes; Johnson-yes; D. Grimm-yes. Motion carried.

The Board declined to accept the bid from Chain O-Lakes Lawn & Snow.

Moved by D. Grimm, seconded by Belanger to allow the supervisor and clerk to enter

into an agreement with Patrick Hubble granting the township permission to continue the use of a woven fence across the south end of his property. Motion carried.

Moved by D. Grimm, seconded by S. Grimm to separate Supervisor/Assessor Control Account to Assessor Control for fiscal budget year 2008-2009. Roll call vote: S. Grimm-yes; Belanger-yes; D. Grimm-yes; Johnson-yes. Motion carried.

Moved by D. Grimm, seconded by Johnson to fund Supervisor Control Account for fiscal budget year 2008-2009 as follows: Supervisor Salary: \$6500.00; Deputy: \$500.00; Operating Supplies: \$500.00; Transportation: \$200.00; Schooling: \$300.00; New Equipment: \$1000.00; Professional Services: \$500.00; Contract Services: \$500.00. Total \$10,000. Roll call vote: D. Grimm-yes; Johnson-yes; Belanger-yes; S. Grimm-yes. Motion carried.

Moved by D. Grimm, seconded by S. Grimm to fund Assessor Control Account for fiscal budget year 2008-2009 as follows: Contract Services: \$4500.00 Operating Supplies: \$1500.00; Transportation: \$1,000.00; Portage: \$500.00; Total \$7500.00. Roll call vote: Belanger-yes; Johnson-yes; D. Grimm-yes; S. Grimm-yes. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: General Fund (all accounts) \$262,011.04; Public Improvement Fund \$69,321.09; Fire Fund (all accounts) \$89,143.46; Tax Fund \$75,884.41.

Accountability Statement: Treasurer balanced with the bank. For the record, memo received from Julie Vance, clerk stated that the township clerk balanced with the township treasurer on all bank accounts for the month of October, 2008.

Moved by S. Grimm, seconded by Johnson to hire Pat Gray as an administrative assistant for Clearwater Township for an average of 20 hours per week at the same rate of pay. Roll call vote: Johnson-yes; D. Grimm-yes; S. Grimm-yes; Belanger-yes. Motion carried.

D. Grimm introduced the new assessor, Casey Guthrie. Grimm has brought all his records to date. Guthrie's contract has been signed.

Public Comment: Joe Mariage offered the following comments; There is no doubt in our minds that Clearwater Township and Rapid City is a better place to live, work and play under the leadership of Supervisor Dave Grimm. Under some at times at difficult situations during his tenure, Dave acted very professionally with the best interests of the community in mind. Certainly there are disagreements on many issues as democracy. How a leader handles these issues of disagreements is a mark of a good leader. There have been many accomplishments during the past few years; the upgrading of Freedom Park, and the 25th anniversary celebration; new sidewalks and streetlights; a fantastic sports complex, just to name a few. We have the board to thank, and the volunteers on our many committees who have helped make all this possible. Dave and the board can't take all this credit for these accomplishments. The person who heads up the various committees and keeps the ball rolling on a day to day basis is Pat Gray. Norma

and I would like to say Thank You Dave for your dedication and accomplishments under your tenure.

Virginia Lee expressed her gratitude for the wonderful job Julie Vance has done over many years as township clerk. Virginia stated that Julies accounting ability and skill at running elections will truly be missed. Julie is a great asset to this community. Virginia also thanked the entire board and Pat Gray for the great job they have done. D. Grimm echoed Virginia's sentiments.

Stuart Rogers, a Rapid River Township resident introduced himself and urged the residents of Clearwater Township to study the issue of the proposed Kalkaska County solid waste plan which would import garbage from all 82 counties in the state of Michigan.

Fire Report: Mike Foster presented report in West's absence. Picture Policy #2 was reviewed. Moved by Johnson, seconded by Belanger to approve the Picture Policy #2 as presented by the chief and fire department. Roll call vote: S. Grimm-yes; Belanger-yes; D. Grimm-yes; Johnson-yes. Motion carried. Discussion followed regarding whether the use of camera cell phones should be included in the policy. Additional language may be added to the policy at a future date.

A millage request was received from the Clearwater Township Firefighters Assoc. Moved by D. Grimm, seconded by S. Grimm to send the ballot language to the township attorney for approval. Motion carried.

Sheriff Report: Deputy Scott Griffith presented October, 2008 report

Foster continued his report with an update on the furnace situation at the fire station, and will write up a summary of options for the board. He also requested inspection of air packs. Moved by D. Grimm, seconded by S. Grimm to hire contractor Douglas to inspect 12 packs at \$55.00 each for a total of \$660.00. Motion carried.

Parks & Recreation: Pat Gray reported that a donation has been received from ITC Technologies to be used for a new equipment storage shed at Freedom Park West ball field. The update of the 5 year Parks & Recreation Master Plan has been completed, and will be reviewed again by the committee before it is presented to the township board.

D. Grimm again thanked all the people in the community who made things work while he was in the supervisor position. He wishes nothing but good for the township in the years to come.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie K. Vance
Township Clerk