

## **Regular Meeting October 21, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Clearwater Township Board was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Supervisor Grimm. Board members present were: D. Grimm, Belanger, Johnson, S. Grimm. Vance was absent. Deputy clerk, Gray took minutes in Vance's absence. Also present were 55 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 September 16, 2008. Correction to be in the first sentence of paragraph 10 – “Dave Isreal corrected to read Dave Israel”. All in favor. Motion carried.

Moved by S. Grimm, seconded by Johnson to approve paying bills from the General Fund, voucher number 17213 through number 17233 as presented. Roll call vote: S. Grimm-yes; D. Grimm-yes; Belanger-yes; Johnson-yes. Motion carried.

Moved by D. Grimm, seconded by Johnson to approve paying bills from the Fire Fund, voucher number 5634 through number 5645 as presented. Roll call vote: Belanger-yes; S. Grimm-yes; D. Grimm-yes; Johnson-yes. Motion carried.

Board of Review: Two members are currently needed.. Applications were received from Virginia Lee, Marilyn Doty Larson and Adam Parzych.

Moved by S. Grimm, seconded by Belanger to appoint Virginia Lee as a Board of Review member. Roll call vote: Johnson-yes; D. Grimm-yes; Belanger-yes; S. Grimm-yes. Motion carried.

Moved by S. Grimm, seconded by Belanger to appoint Marilyn Doty Larson as a Board of Review member. Roll call vote: Johnson-yes; Belanger-yes; D. Grimm-yes; S. Grimm-yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Johnson, seconded by D. Grimm to appoint Adam Parsych as an alternate member of the Board of Review. Roll call vote: Johnson-yes; Belanger-yes; S. Grimm-yes; D. Grimm-yes. Motion carried.

Insurance coverage: Policy is due for renewal with Municipal Underwriters of Michigan,. Representative Paul Olson reviewed several points in the policy. Premium for upcoming year is \$12,651.00, which is a decrease of \$378.00 from last year. Moved by D. Grimm, seconded by S. Grimm to continue carrying township insurance coverage with Municipal Underwriters of Michigan. Belanger-yes; S. Grimm-yes; D. Grimm-yes; Johnson-yes. Motion carried.

Fire Station Painting Bid: No bids were received. Board agreed to wait until spring to re-advertise.

**Snow Removal Bids:** One bid was received from Unlimited Outdoors in the amount of \$225.00 per time for removal of snow from the sidewalks in Rapid City. Discussion followed. Moved by Johnson, seconded by Belanger to reject this bid and re-advertise. Motion carried.

**Assessor Bids:** Five bids were received from the following individuals: Calvin Carr bid \$20,000.00 per year. Wendy Witkop bid \$23,000.00 per year. Casey Guthrie bid \$1,000.00 per month plus mileage reimbursement. Robert Goodenough bid \$8.90 per parcel (2505 parcels) \$22,294.50 per year. Kim Schmidt bid \$23,250.00 per year. Several of the applicants were present and interviewed by the board. Moved by Johnson, seconded by Belanger to accept the bid of \$1000.00 per month plus mileage from Casey Guthrie for assessor of Clearwater Township. Roll call vote: Belanger-yes; D. Grimm-yes; Johnson-yes; S. Grimm-yes. Motion carried.

**Treasurers Report:** General Fund (all accounts) \$314,717.72; Public Improvement Fund \$69,078.26; Fire Fund (all accounts) \$95,213.34; Tax Fund \$118,538.87.

**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 months of August, 2008 and September, 2008.

Moved by S. Grimm, seconded by Belanger to accept the 2007/2008 audit report as presented. Roll call vote: Johnson-yes; Belanger-yes; S.Grimm-yes; D.Grimm-yes. Motion carried.

**Sheriff Report:** Deputy Scott Griffith presented September, 2008 report.

**Political Guest Speakers:** Abe Devol spoke on behalf of Dave Israel, who is running for Kalkaska County Sheriff. Abe will be serving as under sheriff if Dave Israel is elected. Bill Artress, incumbent sheriff, spoke on behalf of re-election and introduced his under sheriff, Bruce Guiltaire. Haider Kazim, who is running for township supervisor, introduced himself and asked for support in the upcoming election

**Parks & Recreation:** Gray reported that the committee had purchased diamond dust to be used in the batting cage area, pitchers mounds, and the service road to the maintenance building.

Pat Hubbel, current owner of the property north of Freedom Park West requested that an agreement between the township and Rosalyn Dunlap-Gist (the prior owner) for fencing on the property be continued. The agreement will be updated and presented for approval at the next meeting.

**Planning:** A revised application form for the Zoning Board of Appeals was presented to the board for review. It will be addressed for approval at the next meeting. The Planning Commission held a special meeting on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> to consider and adopt by laws, and a copy was distributed to the township board. The planning commission is working towards bringing our current zoning ordinance into compliance with the new Michigan Enabling Act. A public hearing will be held by the township board on Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to consider the rezoning of the Rapid City Rd. corridor.

There was discussion of the matter concerning a zoning violation on Shellway Dr. Moved by S. Grimm that the zoning administrator issue a ticket to David Kuzee as directed by the township board for the violation of "no land use permit". Additional discussion followed. S.Grimm rescinded the motion as presented. Moved by S Grimm, seconded by Johnson that the zoning administrator follow procedures for enforcement of the zoning ordinance. Motion carried.

Break at 8:43 p.m. Meeting resumed at 8:55 p.m.

**New Business:** Mr. Derenzy from Atlas Gas & Oil spoke regarding the Non-developmental lease he has presented to the township which pertains to the township cemetery property on Gillette Rd. D. Grimm advised him the lease agreement would be forwarded to our attorney for a legal opinion.

D. Grimm presented information regarding a Septage Authority Transfer Station for processing septage that Kalkaska County is proposing to establish in the industrial park. He stated this is an important issue to be handled by the new township board.

**Public Comment:** Discussion regarding the condition of roads in the township and what the results were from the survey done in the township. D Grimm stated that all information from the survey will be turned over to the new board.

**Fire Report:** Fire Agreement with Rapid River Township will be tabled until our fire chief addresses their board meeting to discuss issues. A "picture policy" was presented for the board to review.

Moved by D. Grimm, seconded by Belanger to approve up to \$2,000.00 including shipping costs for the following items: secure ladder belt-\$155.; helmets-\$1,000.; portable pump-\$525.; two rope bags-\$40. Roll call vote: Johnson-yes; Belanger-yes; S. Grimm-yes; D. Grimm-yes. Motion carried.

Moved by D. Grimm, seconded by S. Grimm to approve \$145.00 for training classes (\$20. for Eric Bradley and \$125. for Greg Bradley). Roll call vote: Belanger-yes; Johnson-yes; D. Grimm-yes; S. Grimm-yes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie K. Vance  
Township Clerk