

Regular Meeting September 16, 2008

The regular meeting of the Clearwater Township Board was called to order at 7:04 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 21 guests.

Supervisor Grimm opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerks Report: Moved by Johnson, seconded by Belanger to accept the corrected minutes of August 19, 2008 as presented. Correction to be in paragraph 9 last sentence to read. Would like clarification of what is being rezoned. All in favor. Motion carried.

Moved by D. Grimm, seconded by S. Grimm to approve paying bills from the General Fund, voucher number 17163 through 17176 as presented. Roll call vote: S. Grimm yes; Belanger yes; Johnson yes; D. Grimm yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Belanger to approve paying bills from the Fire Fund, voucher number 5617 through 5624 as presented. Roll call vote: S. Grimm yes; Johnson yes; D. Grimm yes; Belanger yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Belanger to approve the continuation of the Metro Act Right of Way Permit Extension. Roll call vote: S. Grimm yes; D. Grimm yes; Belanger yes; Johnson yes. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: General Fund (all accounts) \$305,109.37; Public Improvement Fund \$78,895.63; Fire Fund (all accounts) \$107,366.61; Tax Fund \$9,405.14.

Accountability Statement: Treasurer balanced with the bank. Confirmation from clerk should be given at next meeting.

Sheriff Report: Deputy Scott Griffith presented August, 2008 report.

Abe Devol from the Kalkaska County Sheriffs Department spoke on behalf of Dave Isreal who is running for Kalkaska County Sheriff in November.

Parks and Recreation: Gray reported that the final phase of street lights along Rapid City Rd. will be completed this week.

Hospital Report: Mary Ann Ewald reported on an Open House to introduce two new doctors to the community on September 23rd and also a Womens Resource Workshop to be held on September 27th.

Planning Commission: Chairman Johnson requested that Planning Commission members be given access to the Clerk's office to pick up their mail, or have boxes for their mail established in another site that they can access. The Commission suggested that a Neighborhood Watch for crime should be established. Fields reported that the Planning Commission approved the following language for the proposed rezoning to Village Commercial along the Rapid City Road north corridor at their September 8, 2008 meeting: **at the east from Plum Valley Road north to the northern boundary of the Village Market, and east to a depth of 500 feet or the rear property line, whichever is less; on the west from West Plum Valley Road north to Crystal Beach Road, and west to the western edge of the abandoned railroad right-of-way.**•

Fields requested that all Planning Commission members and the Zoning Administrator be enrolled in the MTA workshop entitled Practical Application of Michigan's Enabling Acts. Moved by D. Grimm, seconded by S. Grimm to approve \$420.00 plus mileage for Planning Commission members and Zoning Administrator to attend workshop on October 22, 2008. All in favor. Motion carried.

Johnson recommended that the Township board reappoint Mark Sington to the Planning Commission, as his term has expired. Moved by D. Grimm, seconded by Belanger to reappoint Mark Sington to the Planning Commission for a term of three years. Roll call vote: Johnson-yes; Belanger-yes; S. Grimm-yes; D. Grimm-yes. Motion carried.

An application was received from Al McShane for a position on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Moved by D. Grimm, seconded by S. Grimm to appoint Al McShane to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term of three years. Roll call vote: Belanger-yes; Johnson-yes; S. Grimm-yes; D. Grimm-yes. Motion carried.

Discussion on unopened bid received last month for removal of trees on property in front of fire station. Al McShane and Elmer Veen expressed their opinions, stating that the trees should not be removed. After further discussion, it was moved by D. Grimm, seconded by S. Grimm **not** to cut down the trees. All in favor. Motion carried. The one bid received will remain unopened. Fire Chief West requested that we re-advertise the bid for painting of the fire station.

D Grimm requested that ads be run for the position of Township Assessor and also for two Board of Review positions.

Fire Report: Chief West submitted a credit application from the Fire Department for an account with the Dan McCormick Ford Dealership. There was no objection from Board members to them having such an account. He also requested approval for Rachael Indish to attend an EMT class. Moved by D. Grimm, seconded by Johnson to approve \$925.00 for Rachael Indish to take the EMT class, knowing that she has guaranteed the township two years of service. All in favor. Motion carried.

West stressed the fact that a sidewalk or path to Heritage Park from Rapid City needs to be considered for the safety of individuals because of the heavy amount of traffic along Rapid City Rd. West also requested that the Zoning Administrator's report have a title and signature in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Julie K. Vance
Township Clerk