

Clearwater Township Board Special Meeting  
November 21, 2019  
Minutes Approved December 19, 2019

The special meeting of Clearwater Township was called to order at 6:00PM. at the Clearwater Community Center by Supervisor Gaylord with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of the Board members: Greg Bradley-present, Jeremy Morrison-present, Barb Crambell-present, Mike Gaylord-present, Kathy Eldridge-present.

Also present, Township Attorney Peter Wendling, as well as approximately 15 guests.

Declaration of Conflict: None

Public Comment: Public asked about when and where the meeting notice was posted.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Gaylord, seconded by Crambell to approve. All in favor. Motion passed.

Purpose of the Meeting: Discuss the Glade Valley Rd "Old Iron" bridge over the Rapid River; the latest bridge status, attorney memorandums and options to address concerns.

Mr. Stevens presented his concerns about the bridge repairs needed due to safety concerns. He proposed that the Township vacate the bridge and allow them to have ownership of the bridge.

Mr. David Caldon of Varnum Attorneys at Law, representing Mr. & Mrs. Stevens, the intent is to ensure the Stevens' have access to their property on the other side of the bridge. The bridge closure would cut off access to their property. The Stevens' are willing to repair the bridge if it is vacated by the Township; they are not seeking to block public access.

Mr. Stevens stated that it was his intent to keep the architectural integrity of the bridge.

Motion made by Eldridge, seconded by Crambell to go into closed session pursuant to Section 8(h) of the open meetings act, being MCL 15.268(h), to consider the written memos from our attorney dated November 6, 2019 and November 20, 2019 which is exempt from disclosure by Section 13(1)(g) of the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, being MCL 15.243(1)(g), since this memo is subject to the attorney-client privilege.

Roll Call Vote to go into closed session: Morrison-yes, Bradley-yes, Gaylord-yes, Crambell-yes, Eldridge-yes.

Audience was excused and the board entered into closed session at 6:15PM.

Returned to open session at 6:43PM.

Gaylord announced that all decisions will be made at the Regular Board Meeting which starts at 7:00PM.

Public Comment: None

Motion made Gaylord, seconded by Morrison. All in favor. Motion passed ending the meeting at 6:43PM

Respectively submitted,  
Jule Moore, Deputy Clerk