

Clearwater Township Board Regular Meeting
May 21, 2020
Minutes Approved as Amended June 18, 2020

The regular meeting of the Clearwater Township Board was called to order at 7:00pm at the Clearwater Township Hall by Supervisor Mike Gaylord, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of board members: Jeremy Morrison-present; Jule Moore-present; Mike Gaylord-present; Greg Bradley-present; Barb Crambell-excused. Also present 9 guests in audience.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: No conflict.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Gaylord, seconded by Bradley, to add Sheriff's Update, to approve agenda. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Gaylord, seconded by Bradley, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of April 16, 2020, with the addition of: Jeremiah Harlan volunteered to put flags out at the township cemetery for Memorial Day, including St. Mary's cemetery.

Roll call vote: Moore-yes; Bradley-yes; Gaylord-yes; Morrison-yes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Supervisor Gaylord read report: General Fund, all accounts, \$396,128.21; Public Improvement Fund, \$3,112.91; Road Improvement Fund, \$178,471.28; Fire Fund, \$130,941.90; Fire Equipment Fund, \$85,288.93; Tax Fund, \$6.71.

Clerk's Report: Motion by Moore, seconded by Bradley, paying bills from General Fund as presented, voucher #24515 through #24559.

Roll call vote: Gaylord-yes; Morrison-yes; Moore-yes; Bradley-yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Morrison, paying bills from Fire Fund as presented, voucher #8720 through #8750.

Roll call vote: Moore-yes; Morrison-yes; Bradley-yes; Gaylord-yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Gaylord, to appoint the Township Clerk, Moore, as the Master Administrator for the QuickBooks software in the Clerk's office. All in favor. Motion passed.

Accountability Statement: The Clerk balanced with the Treasurer.

Sheriff's Report: Deputy Nate Deveneau reviewed April's report with board, with notable activities of pigs at large on Kellogg Road.

Fire Department Report: Chief Paul Fabiano reviewed April's report of 27 incidents with 115 year to date responses, noting all training was suspended due to Covid-19.

Motion by Bradley, seconded by Moore, we have two (2) pickup trucks to sell, would like to have bids back the Monday before the July meeting.

Roll call vote: Moore-yes; Morrison-yes; Gaylord-yes; Bradley-yes. Motion passed.

Old Business

Rapid River Twp Payments – 3 Qtrs Received: Moore reported receiving payments, totaling \$12,877.88, with one more quarter remaining.

Clean-Up Day Rescheduled for June 27, 2020: Gaylord announced new date.

Closed Session: Twp Case Updates with Attorney: Motion by Moore, seconded by Morrison, I move that the board go into closed session to consult with our attorney regarding trial and/or settlement strategy in the pending cases of Tillman Infrastructure, LLC v Clearwater Township, Case Number 19-CV-841-JTN-SJB and Stevens v Clearwater Township, 19-13283-CH for the reason that an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the litigating and/or settlement position of the Township.

Roll call vote: Gaylord-yes; Morrison-yes; Moore-yes; Bradley-yes. Motion passed.

All guests left the room and the Board went into a Closed Session at 7:20pm.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:35pm as 6 guests returned.

New Business

Roads Update: Motion by Moore, seconded by Morrison, Township tell the Kalkaska Road Commission to go ahead with Shellway Drive paving in 2020.

Roll call vote: Bradley-yes; Gaylord-abstain- owns property; Moore-yes; Morrison-yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Gaylord, seconded by Moore, for the Kalkaska Road Commission to go ahead with the Pine Circle paving bid, with an estimate of \$198,164.

Roll call vote: Moore-yes; Morrison-yes; Bradley-abstain- owns property; Gaylord-yes. Motion passed.

Amendment 9 to Ordinance 22 (Approved Rezoning): Motion by Gaylord, seconded by Bradley, to adopt Amendment 9 to Ordinance 22, the Zoning Ordinance, to amend Articles XVIII and XX, as presented to us by the Planning Commission.

Roll call vote: Moore-yes; Morrison-yes; Bradley-yes; Gaylord-yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 4 of 2020: Updated FOIA Documents: Motion by Moore, seconded by Gaylord, to approve the updated Freedom of Information Act Requests, Resolution 4 of 2020.

Roll call vote: Morrison-yes; Gaylord-yes; Bradley-yes; Moore-yes. Motion passed.

MTA Membership 2020-2021 Option for Online Learning: Motion by Gaylord, seconded by Moore, to add \$1000 for the Plus Package to MTA membership so Township MTA members can learn online.

Roll call vote: Bradley-yes; Morrison-yes; Moore-yes; Gaylord-yes. Motion passed.

MTA Authorities & Responsibilities (Little Red Book): 2020 Version Available: Motion by Moore, seconded by Gaylord, to order 25 copies of the Authorities & Responsibilities Michigan Townships 2020 version.

Roll call vote: Moore-yes; Gaylord-yes; Morrison-yes; Bradley-yes. Motion passed.

Division St. Access Site Fence: Gaylord will meet with Leo to get the property split rail fence fixed.

Purple Loosestrife Invasive Treatment: Moore will inform, the board gives permission to take care of the invasive plant at no cost to the township.

New Fire Truck Bid: Gaylord opened sealed bids: ~~Pierce~~ Spencer Manufacturing - \$456,722; ~~Spencer~~ Pierce Manufacturing - \$485,959. Bids were given to Fire Department to look over and bring back recommendation to the board.

4th of July Preparations: Motion by Gaylord, seconded by Morrison, not to go over \$2000 for the 4th of July extras that we do.

Roll call vote: Moore-yes; Bradley-yes; Morrison-yes; Gaylord-yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Gaylord, seconded by Bradley, to close the Lake St. access site on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th, of July, 2020.

All in favor. Motion passed.

Public Comment: None.

Adjourned:

Motion by Gaylord to adjourn meeting, seconded by Moore. All in favor. Motion passed, ending meeting at 9:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Marletta Day, Recording Secretary