

Clearwater Township Board Regular Meeting  
August 20, 2020  
Minutes Approved September 17, 2020

The regular meeting of the Clearwater Township Board was called to order at 7:00pm at the Clearwater Township Hall by Treasurer Barb Crambell with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of board members: Jeremy Morrison-present; Greg Bradley-present; Barb Crambell-present; Jule Moore-present. Also present 10 guests in audience.

**Declaration of Conflict of Interest:** No conflict.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Morrison, in the absence of a Supervisor, that Barb Crambell, Treasurer, navigate the meeting.  
All in favor. Motion passed.

**Public Comment:** Two residents voiced their concern on different topics.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Crambell, seconded by Bradley, to approve agenda with the addition of Brad Wierda, our attorney, coming in to discuss the tower mediation on August 31st. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Crambell, seconded by Bradley, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of July 23, 2020.  
All in favor. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Crambell reported: General Fund, all accounts, \$372,055.05; Public Improvement Fund, \$3,112.94; Road Improvement Fund, \$178,563.98; Fire Fund,\$123,826.27; Fire Equipment Fund, \$100,618.91; Tax Fund, \$246,802.80.

**Clerk's Report:** Motion by Moore, seconded by Crambell, paying bills from General Fund as presented, voucher #24679 through #24725.  
Roll call vote: Bradley-yes; Morrison-yes; Moore-yes; Crambell-yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Crambell, approval for voucher #24696.  
Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Moore-yes; Morrison-yes; Bradley-yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Crambell, paying bills from Fire Fund as presented, voucher #8790 through #8809.  
Roll call vote: Morrison-yes; Moore-yes; Crambell-yes; Bradley-yes. Motion passed.

**Accountability Statement:** The treasurer balanced with the bank, and the clerk balanced with the treasurer.

**Fire Department Report:** Bradley reviewed July monthly activities, with a total of 44 incidents responded.

**Sheriff's Report:** Deputy Nate Deveneau recapped July monthly activities. Notable incidents were: 19 parking/towing issues on Aarwood Trail; a rollover accident on Hill Road.

**Zoning Administration Report:** Adam Parzych presented board with August monthly actions.

## **Old Business**

**Township Rentals: Time to Re-Open for Public Use?:** Township buildings will remain closed for public use; will discuss each month.

**Supervisor:** Moore referred to email from Attorney Peter Wendling regarding options on the vacancy.

**Newsletter Update:** Moore reported newsletter has been mailed out.

**New Copier Update:** Moore reported copier has been delivered and installed.

## **New Business**

**Title Track Request for Non-Profit Gaming License:** Motion by Moore, seconded by Crambell, for a resolution for a Charitable Gaming License, for Title Track, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, so that they can hold events based here in Clearwater Township.

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

**MERS Monthly Contributions Increase:** Motion by Moore, seconded by Crambell, increase the extra amount paid into the MERS Retirement Fund every month to \$500.00 extra.

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

**ZBA Member Resignation:** Motion by Crambell, seconded by Morrison, to accept the resignation of David Lawicki. All in favor. Motion passed.

Crambell informed board that the new laptop purchased for the Treasurer to use for record keeping is up and running.

## **Public Comment:**

Tom Backers informed attendees of 2 rezoning options being addressed by the Planning Commission. The first is a Special Hearing on 8/24/2020 to discuss rezoning of land between Valley Rd and the Rapid River. The second will take place during the regular meeting of the Planning Commission on 9/14/2020 and will discuss rezoning along Rapid City Rd.

**Closed Session: Attorney Conference:** Motion by Moore, seconded by Crambell, that the board go into closed session to consult with our attorney regarding settlement and litigation strategy in the pending case of Tillman Infrastructure, LLC v Clearwater Township, Case Number 19-CV-841-JTN-SJB for the reason that discussion during an open session would have a detrimental financial effect on our negotiating position.

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

All guests left the room and the Board went into a Closed Session at 7:34 pm.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:10 pm.

## **Adjourned:**

Motion by Moore to adjourn meeting, seconded by Morrison. All in favor. Motion passed, ending meeting at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted by  
Marletta Day, Recording Secretary