

Clearwater Township Board

Kalkaska County, Michigan

Meeting of the Electors-March 27, 2021-DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Board: Tom Backers-Supervisor, Melinda Booy-Clerk, JoAnne Childs-Treasurer, Greg Bradley-Trustee, Albert Keyes-Trustee

Meeting called to order at 10:05am EST

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call and Recognition of Visitors-all Board members present
 - a. Visitors acknowledged: Jordan Acker, Kristi Spencer-Nemec, Margret Spann (Deputy Clerk), Carol Backers, Pastor Chris (virtual), Gianine Casassa (virtual), John Boucher (virtual)
3. Board Comments-
 - a. Supervisor: Board accomplishments acknowledged
 - b. Treasurer: Balanced and reconciled from 1998-2021
 - c. Clerk: Change in ProWeb staff causing issues on webpage, hiring of recording secretary, creation of virtual to allow public input and viewing
 - d. Trustee Bradley: no comment
 - e. Trustee Keyes: Request for patience and not attacks from the public toward Board, acknowledgement of accountability moving forward which was not done before, digital sign pros and request for bids
 - f. Zoning Administration (current interim T.Backers): issued land use permits, land use violations ongoing, advisory committee formation to do research and development for constable position.
4. Public Comment-
 - a. Kristi Spencer-Nemec: utilizing zoom for parks and rec meetings, meeting weekly beginning May 18, creation of parks and rec master plan as well as review of past plans, workbees with volunteers in the community, group and individual involvement opportunities.
 - b. Pastor Chris: Offered garden group from the church for planting flowers
 - c. JoAnne Childs: Request Juniper Garden Club volunteers and planning
5. Announcements-
 - a. May 1 Clean Up Day-publish in ER News, Website and on buildings postings
 - i. Request volunteers to help others
 - ii. Get the word out that if people aren't physically or financially able to do the cleanup day we will have volunteers on a list to assist
 - b. May Election information is posted on township buildings and the website regarding the KPS bond

- c. August Election information will include the proposed millage for the FD dept to continue with the current millage.
 - d. April 6 there will be an election verification audit as well as the election inspectors verification. This will be held at the township hall building at 11:45am and the public is welcome to attend. All covid19 public health guidelines must be followed.
 - e. The 2021 Newsletter will go out in May of this year and will be “live” document on the website.
 - f. An experiment will be done to test acoustics in the gym to see if a temporary vs permanent solution can be done.
 - g. John Rogers with the Road Commission is looking into possible grants for road improvements. No current applications for grant writers for the township have been received.
 - h. Greg will look into a security system for the township buildings for monitoring but also to allow limited access via keypad to buildings for those who have paid and reserved to use them once opened.
6. Public Comment-
- a. “why is nothing being done by the sheriffs dept to stop the black trucks from tearing through town”-a proposed sign showing speed and that would deter speeding was proposed
 - b. What is the new proposed fee schedule and when are buildings open for use?-The townships attorney and Board are going to work with the revised OMA and Emergency order from MDHHS to ensure buildings can open safely as soon as allowed.
 - c. Reading of one public emailed comment regarding desire not to have the LED signage.
 - d. Request to hold a public forum for the Marijuana ordinance
7. Adjournment-
- Motion to Adjourn-T. Backers
- 2nd-Albert Keyes
- Meeting was adjourned at 11:49am EST