

Clearwater Township Board

Kalkaska County Michigan

Tom Backers- Supervisor, Melinda Booy-Clerk

Joanne Childs-Treasurer

Greg Bradley-Trustee, Albert Keyes-Trustee

Regular Meeting July 15, 2021

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance at 7:02 p.m.
2. Roll Call and recognition of visitors attending and virtually. Board members T. Backers, M. Booy, J. Childs, G. Bradley, A. Keyes all present. Absent: Jason Acker.

Norman Neuenswonder, John/Sherry Boucitch, Melissa Davison, Justin Coan, Scott Schubert, Ken Coughlin, John West, Gianine Casassa, Linnea/Gary Brunk, Karen Mackenzie, Officer Ben Hawkins, KCSO, Jeff West.

VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE

Jim Leffew, State of Michigan, Kalkaska Co., Clearwater Twp.

Linda Bicum, State of Illinois, Cook County

Sherilyn Latos, State of Michigan, Macomb County, Washington Twp.

Bryan Gandy, State of Michigan, Emmett County, Calhoun Twp.

Derrick Smith, State of Michigan, Grand Traverse County, East Bay Twp.

Jenny, Carnea, John, Sean, State of Michigan, Wayne County, Dearborn Twp.

Joe Stashko, State of Michigan Grand Traverse County, Traverse City,

Linda/Robert Bryson, State of Michigan, Kalkaska County, Helena Twp.

Pam Lynch, State of Michigan, Grand Traverse County, Traverse City.

Sue Kelly, State of Michigan, Kalkaska County Clearwater Twp.

George Westerman, State of Michigan, Kalkaska County, Clearwater Twp.

Kimberly Johnson, State of Michigan, Grand Traverse County, Garfield Twp.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Norm: Letter to Jason Acker, RE: R1 zoning issue violations with business on Torch Lake.

Linnea Brunk: Concern over "Tiki Barge"

Gary Brunk: Tiki Barge not zoned correctly.

Jeff West: Allowed use for in-home business, R1 needs definition of rules.

John West: are all rental houses zone commercial.

Sue Kelly (v) questions about zoned community and short term rentals (Torch Bridge Court)

Pam Lynch: Apologized for the Safe Syringe situation. Got permission from Kankaska County and Kankaska Health Dept. Kankaska has 4 x the State rate for individuals with HIV.

Linda/Robert: Tiki Hut issues.

Jenny: Torch River Court, re: "Tiki" next door, traffic issues, had to put in fence and cable.

Justin Coan: Re: Has had meetings with Zoning and Twp. Supervisor, Deliveries are at public launch sites or where renters want the kayaks, not to the property. Agreed w/Jenny to pay for fence and make it esthetically pleasing. Their signs are no bigger than a garage/yard sale sign, within codes.

Tom Backers: "cannot change land structure", would have to go to Zoning board.

Brian Gandy: Support businesses across the board/fair equitable treatment for everyone.

4. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT: None.

5. Motion to approve agenda as amended. Motion by Tom Backers, 2nd Albert Keyes. All in favor.

6. Approval of Minutes: Motion by Tom Backers, 2nd Joanne Childs. All in favor.

7. Announcements

VA will be reopening office in Kankaska County with Melanie discussion about using LRSH 1 time per month on the calendar.

Tom spoke with HARM, a Statewide needle program, they want to address board August 2021.

Digital sign was shipped.

Board of Review on the 20th, 9-12.

Keyless entry installation 07/23 and 07/28 working on building, Clerk will handle all rentals/use of building.

Hazmat Waste Day: tires will cost 3.00 each. Flyers out beforehand.

Hoiles Road: John Rogers, engineer with DNR will locate blocked drains 07/20

8. REPORTS

Treasurer: Read report.

Clerk : Voting machine test on July 23, running down old "ghost" accounts to have them deleted so things don't get lost in data entry and make it easier to generate automated statements.

Making sure calendar is up for building rentals, and a schedule for maintenance. Needs information on supplies needed for upcoming projects, hours worked for both maintenance and Deputy.

9. OTHER REPORTS

SHERIFF: 4th was fairly slow, a pretty tame crowd, Jet Skis were appreciated. Sheriff Whiteford sent a proposal for full time Deputy for Clearwater Twp. There were 20 arrests "minimal". Deputy Hawkins was made aware of traffic concerns and concerns with drug paraphernalia in parks and public use areas. Deputy Hawkins took over for Deputy Deveneau.

FIRE DEPT: Pre-final inspection of new tanker "end of July". Promotions discussed of Eric Bradley to Sr. Captain, Derek Tharpe to FF2, Ronetta Smith to FF3. There was a question of nepotism. There will be an August 2021 review of management policies at meeting. There are positions open in the Fire Dept. Discussed the avenues for grievances. Fire Dept. pagers are VHS, poor quality. Discussion with Kankaska County Board about purchasing better quality service and splitting cost 50/50. Need letter of support to partner with Board of Commissioners.

PLANNING: A. Reigler petition for Agriculture to Commercial denied due to road. Petition Kevin Young Village Market Residential to Commercial hearing 08/02 at 7:00 p.m. Helplink not working Pro-Web will help and can Zoning be added to group. Will contact Pro-Web, Clerk will assist in linking up groups also.

ZONING: Check on County opinion on rezoning. Usually if not informed in 30 days, County has no issues per Tom Backers. Moved to put rezoning on next agenda, questions about digital signs. There are problems with missing land use permits, and violations on trash. Local existing ordinances are being looked at for a model. A courteous, civil letter is needed for the property owners to notify of violations.

PARK/REC: JoAnne Childs representing: Read report, all volunteers did work and a lot was accomplished. On 07/20 vote for public survey, 6-730 p.m. at LRSB. Donations of annuals and perennials in the Fall and Spring. Dates and locations will be posted on website. 3700 \$ bid for hand rails for foot bridge received from Fab-Works. Foot bridge drawing. Put on agenda for next month.

CONSTABLE: Reasons for having a constable: At this time the Board is not being communicated with, the constable would know the people better, more timely 1st responder response. Existing Deputy is on the road for KCSO at any given time must respond from locations far away. Legal issues. MTA verbiage discussed. Financing: 75k was discussed previously for vehicle, uniform, weapon, technology. KCSO proposal for a Deputy to be hired and placed here is 82k. Address specific concerns to board, will set up meeting with the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

Current alleyways records requested. Albert Keyes read a mission statement. There will be a vote at the August meeting. Maintenance report needs to be added. Review of Maintenance dept., Trustee key requested this be moved to a closed meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

ARPA: working on that for September deadline.

Zoning to do violations review.

Attorney said that a Board member can hold a position without conflict of interest within the Twp. as allowances made for populations under 4 thousand. Preliminary discussion for meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jeff West: Clearwater Twp. Trails: consider opening trails for greater use. Get kids off streets with bikes, scooters into safer trail environment. Discussed lack of Twp. beach on Torch Lake.

John West: Discussed transparency in the Fire Dept.

Open meeting adjourned at 9:40 Motion by A. Keyes, 2nd by J. Childs. Next meeting 08/19 at 7:00 p.m.

Closed Meeting from 9:40 to 10:40 p.m.