

Clearwater Township Board

Kalkaska County, Michigan

Supervisor/Tom Backers, Clerk/Melinda Booy

Treasurer/JoAnne Childs

Greg Bradley/Trustee, Albert Keyes/Trustee

Regular Meeting 08/19/2020

1. Call to Order-Pledge of Allegiance @ 7:02 p.m.
2. Roll Call and recognition of visitors-virtual public recognition
 - Andrew Harwood
 - Carol Backers
 - Mary Scharf
 - Todd Leto
 - Jim Schofield.
 - Colton West
 - Jason Koski
 - Thurston Booy
 - Baylee West
 - Norm Neuenschwander
 - John West
 - Kristi Spencer-Nemec
 - Dan Packer
 - Jack Graham
 - Jean & Dave Muntz
 - Deputy Hawkins
 - D. Romine
 - Dave & Heather Testa
 - Bill& Lucille Westerman
 - Chuck Hess
 - Linda M. Woodle,.
 - Norma Schmick
 - Gianine Cassasa
 - Carol Gilbert
 - M. Watts
 - Justin Cronin
 - Melissa Danson
 - Julie Moore

G. Movesian

Patricia Kulbartz/recording secretary

VIRTUAL PARTICIPANTS

Andrew & Alysse Mengason/ Michigan/Clearwater Twp.

Jim Lefew Michigan/Clearwater Twp.

Ann \$ Norm Neuenschwander/Michigan/Clearwater Twp.

Cecilia Schaefer

Sharon Lerew/Michigan/Forest Home Twp.

Janet Loveland/Michigan/Helena Twp.

Jim

Joe Coyle/Michigan/Grand Traverse/Traverse City

Kathleen Steeves/Michigan/Grand Traverse/Traverse City

Lisa Daniels/Michigan/Cannon Twp. Kent County

Pam Lynch/Michigan/Grand Traverse/Traverse City

Greg & Sarah Dickey/Michigan/Helena Twp./Alden

Anthony & Sherilynn Latos/Michigan/ Macomb County/Washington Twp.

Eric LaPratt/Michigan/Forest Home Twp.

Darrick Smith/Michigan/Grand Traverse/Traverse City.

Tom McNish/Michigan/Parker CO./Douglas Twp.

Rockland Grandsted, Joan Forgrave/Michigan/Forest Home Twp.

Jenny Cornea/Michigan/Dearborn Twp./Wayne Co.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Schofield: No commercial in residential on Torch Lake.

John West: Torch Lake is for everyone.

Andrew Howard: 450 signatures opposed to commercial sales on Torch Lake.

Jeff West:2018 FOIA records left in shambles for this board.

Darrel Romine: wants Aarwood Trail Speed limit lowered. 45 mph unsafe 80% signatures of people that live on that road.

Todd Leto: Torch Lake Tiki Hut, identified issues with property, lives 2 houses down. Supposed to be no signage and there is a billboard present. 450 signatures on issue.

Norm Neuenschwander from Torch Lake Alliance spoke about commercial/residential issue.

Mark Widgh: Aarwood Trail speed concerns.

Carol Fielburg: Aarwood Trail speed/safety concerns.

Jack Graham: Tiki Hut questions.

Justin Cronin owner of Tiki Hut: Laws not preferential, Petition is only .012% of Torch Lake residents. The Sheriff, State Health Department have been involved with making sure things are within boundaries. There is a special use permit.

Albert Keyes: Volunteer Fire Fighters agenda for Sept. <advisory board>.

Pam Lynch/Derrick: Spoke on Kalkaska Co. having the highest HIV rate in the state and the safe syringe program. This was approved by Health Dept. #10, MDHHS . Kalkaska Co., and the State

Health Dept. Due to the high numbers of HIV positive residents and Hepatitis C intervention. It will be discussed where in the Twp. this will be undertaken.

4. CONFLICT OF AGENDA

None.

5. Motion to approve Agenda: MOTION: Melinda Booy, 2nd Albert Keyes. All yea, agenda approved.

6. MOTION: approval of minutes from 07/15/21: Motion: Albert Keyes, 2nd JoAnne Childs.

Unanimously approved with amendments.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fire Dept. millage on Ballot: yes 1 mill renewal.

Storm damage: T. Backers and others cleaned up some downed wood.

Digital sign: Is here need to decide on location.

Keyless Entry installed, need training.

Fall Cleanup: T. Backers has been in contact with waste company, progress is being made.

Funds allocated for improvement/roads paperwork has been started, application being processed.

8. REPORTS

Treasurer report was read, balanced.

Clerk: Report read, concluded audit 04/01/20-03/31/21. Auditors liked the new systems being used. Clerk will address the newsletter and add audit report.

9. OTHER REPORTS

SHERIFF: Read report. DNR meetings in Lansing re: Aarwood Trail, Torch Lake shooting. The DNR office to cover our area comes out of Young State Park near Alpena. There were 68.5 hours for dedicated deputy.

Damage at Freedom Park to trees, offenders were 13 years old. Board will get more information.

FIRE DEPT.: 10 months no structure fires. EMT calls top the list 242 runs for a year. Looking at Priority Dispatch to better utilize resources, would have to be done through KCSD dispatch.

Pumper/tanker pickup in 6 weeks.

PLANNING: Matthew Keifer request to rezone from agriculture to light commercial: 6786 Rapid City Road NW. There was no objection from the County. MOTION: to approve re-zoning

Motion: Melinda Booy, 2nd Albert Keyes. Unanimously approved. Kevin Young wants to rezone

Residential to Village commercial 09/02 @ 7 meeting. Andrew Reigal request to rezone for building a rehab center across from the cemetery. Special use meeting 08/23 at LRSC 7 p.m.

Zoning request from residential to agriculture. Not needed as it was already agriculture.

ZONING: Tom working through stacks of zoning paperwork that was left undone.

PARKS/REC: 5 year master plan survey was discussed, Fall decoration of light poles, Chili cookoff slated. Quotes for trash pickup. Meetings on 1st Tuesday to allow more time between Twp.

Board meeting and Park/Rec meeting. Plan for cleaning after rental of properties, power washing access and pavilion, property boundaries need to be figured out. Inventory of items the

Twp. has available and what is the plan for maintenance? Lawns: mowing for Freedom Park and Heritage Park 700.00. Dale Long to mow for 25.00 per hour and fuel in the interim. Albert Keyes

and JoAnne Childs volunteered to help with Heritage Park and Freedom Park. Questions on responsibilities since there is no maintenance man.

CONSTABLE: Nothing new from last meeting, would like meeting with Supervisor 08/31 @ 6 LRSH.

10. OLD BUSINESS

Freedom Park bid for railings is it 2 only or 4. Park/Rec would like survey at Freedom Park for Iron Bridge placement.

Pumper Truck is 6 weeks out.

Alleyways Tom has not had time due to Zoning and Maintenance staffing issues.

11. NEW BUSINESS

Maintenance and Zoning job descriptions, responsibilities, wages, inventory of existing equipment. Tom Backers requested closed meeting for this.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

JoAnne Childs has issues with communication for maintenance needed in the interim. She was sorry she got upset but it had been 2 weeks without being mowed.

John West: Appreciates Torch Lake and we should all share it.

Gianine Cassasa thanked Tom and Carol Backers for cleaning up.

Tom McNish: has had cabin for 50 years, can't agree, there are differing opinions. Tom Backers to include petition in packet to Twp. attorney. There could be a 3rd party involved ie: Judge/legal.

Jeff West: Open investigation by Board/Twp- KY Parole agent contacted. Attorney and Supervisor discussed with Jeff and his attorney.

Owner of Tiki Hut brought in pictures and offered to talk with people about issues.

9:14 p.m. MOTION for closed session by Tom Backers, 2nd Greg Bradley, Unanimously approved.

MOTION: To adjourn regular meeting Melinda Booy, 2nd Greg Bradley. Unanimously approved.

Next regular meeting: 09/19/2021 at 7:p.m. LRSH.

MOTION to adjourn to closed session: T. Backers, 2nd Greg Bradley.