

Regular Meeting  
October 18, 2017

Minutes Approved 11-15-2017

The regular meeting of the Clearwater Township Board was called to order at 7:02pm at the Clearwater Township Community Center by Trustee Dwight Seaman with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Crambell, seconded by Hubble, for Dwight Seaman to chair meeting, due to Niederstadt's absence. All in favor. Motion passed.

Roll call of board members: Larry Niederstadt-not present; Kathy Eldridge-not present; Barb Crambell-present; Pat Hubble-present; Dwight Seaman-present; Jule Moore, Deputy Clerk-present. Also present, Marletta Day, as recording secretary and 12 guests.

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

**Public Comment:**

Greg Bradley voiced disappointment in County Road Commission, not putting proper gravel down on Aarwood Road, stating that in 2 years the road will have to be rebuilt.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Seaman, seconded by Crambell, to approve agenda. All in favor. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Crambell reported: General Fund, all accounts, \$276,542.28; Public Improvement Fund, \$3,100.65; Road Improvement Fund, \$4,511.51; Fire Fund,\$196,790.10; Fire Equipment Fund, \$38,065.70; Tax Fund, \$201.64.

**Clerk's Report:** Motion by Crambell, seconded by Hubble, paying bills from General Fund as presented, voucher #22878 through #22924.

Roll call vote: Hubble-yes; Seaman-yes; Crambell-yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Crambell, seconded by Hubble, paying bills from Fire Fund as presented, voucher #8001 through #8028.

Roll call vote: Seaman-yes; Crambell-yes; Hubble-yes. Motion passed.

**Accountability Statement:** Crambell stated that they did match, but due to Eldridge absent, they would make affirmation next meeting.

**Sheriff's Report:** Officer Beaver was on a call, and would present report next month. Sheriff Whiteford reviewed several topics with the board, including budget crunching numbers for next year, animal control options, and medical marijuana.

**Fire Department Report:** Bradley reported that everything ordered from last month, has been received.

**Hospital Report:** Seaman reviewed talking points submitted by hospital.

**Parks and Recreation:** Jule Moore reported the Fire Department will be doing a Trunk or Treat, on Oct 31<sup>st</sup> from 5 to 7 pm. Hubble reported that a scanner will be used over the candy for safety.

**Planning Commission:** Moore reported the speaker on medical marijuana gave a very formative presentation.

**Zoning Administration Report:** Seaman reviewed monthly report submitted by Guy Molby.

**Assessor Report:** No Report

### **Old Business**

**Fire Protection Agreement:** Motion by Crambell, seconded by Hubble, to have Jule Moore, Deputy Clerk, contact Rapid River Township and see if she, during the day time hours, can get a call back on a resolution and confirm with our attorney.

Roll call vote: Hubble-yes; Seaman-yes; Crambell-yes. Motion passed.

**Township Website Redesign:** Moore reported a beta site has been received, which needs lots of work and are moving forward.

**Hospital Update Re: No Gun Zone and Prescription Medication Drop Off:** Moore reported on the 2 issues that Jeff West inquired about last meeting. The No Gun Zone is a Michigan state law, with the definition from State of Michigan website, which Moore read. After speaking with the Hospital representative, the Prescription Medication Drop Off site is at the Sheriff's office, where it is a secure.

**Iron Bridge Load Rating Inspection:** Motion by Seaman, seconded by Crambell, to pursue the procedure to make it to a walking bridge only.

Roll call vote: Hubble-yes; Crambell-yes; Seaman-yes; Motion passed.

**Underhill and Dundas Rd Bridge Rating Update:** Hubble reported speaking with John Rogers, with the Kalkaska County Road Commission, there is no money to do any repairs to any bridges.

**Handrail to Iron Bridge at Freedom Park West:** Hubble reported that Leo Zimmerman fixed it and is complete.

**Road Commission Response Re: Sweep Crystal Beach Rd Walking Lanes:** Moore reported, the Road Commission has submitted a service request.

### **New Business**

**Municipal Underwriters Touch Base:** Paul Olsen, Township Insurance Agent reviewed the current policy. Motion by Seaman, seconded by Crambell, to pay Municipal Underwriters, Invoice #3089, in the amount of \$15,982, for the annual insurance policy.

Roll call vote: Hubble-yes; Crambell-yes; Seaman-yes. Motion passed.

**Kalkaska Co MTA Meeting Update:** Pat Hubble reviewed several topics that were discussed.

**Kalkaska Memorial Health Monthly Meetings:** Moore reported that the hospital has monthly meetings, a representative is needed. A suggestion was made to post it on the website for rep to attend and give us a monthly report.

**Castle and Rauch Zoning Violation:** Moore referenced the pictures that were submitted taken on Sept 25<sup>th</sup> from Guy Mobly. Eldridge spoke with the attorney which suggested starting the process all over again, due to time lapse.

Motion by Crambell, seconded by Seaman, to start fresh from here, and start the zoning process over again with the zoning violation.

Roll call vote: Seaman-yes; Hubble-yes; Crambell-yes. Motion passed.

**Special Use Permit M72:** Motion by Hubble, seconded by Seaman, to accept the recommendation from the Planning Commission, for this special use permit.

Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Hubble-yes; Seaman-yes. Motion passed.

**Public Comment:**

Hubble asked if the vehicle could be removed from the Fire Department property, which was used for training. Greg Bradley said he would talk to the owner again. An audience participant reported that the car belonged to the Fire Chief, Jeff West.

Moore asked if the board would be interested in individual email address, and was discussed. It was suggested only 1 email address is used.

Motion by Crambell and seconded by Seaman to go forward in opening a Cosco membership account for Clearwater Township.

Roll call vote: Hubble-yes; Seaman-yes; Crambell-yes. Motion passed.

Bob Bergman reminded all that the Board of Review is still looking for alternates. He asked that this remains posted on the township website.

After extensive discussion about the zoning violation that was voted on in this meeting, the attorney stating to start over, the Judge already issuing a Court Order to clean it up, a couple of new motions followed.

Motion by Crambell, seconded by Seaman, to rescind original motion: to start fresh from here, and start the zoning process over again with new zoning violations.

Roll call vote: Hubble-yes; Seaman-yes; Crambell-yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Seaman, seconded by Crambell, proceed doing what we need to do to pursue with this being cleaned up in a reasonable amount of time.

Roll call vote: Seaman-no; Hubble-no; Crambell-no. Motion not passed.

After more discussion it was decided to get more facts: (a) what is the wording with the Court Order and where do we stand (b) an explanation from the Attorney why it needs to be started over. The board will table this issue until next month.

**Adjourned:**

Motion by Crambell to adjourn meeting and seconded by Seaman. All in favor. Motion passed, ending the meeting at 8:53 pm.

Respectively submitted by  
Marletta Day, Recording Secretary