

4 November 2009 Regular Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:30p.m. in the township hall by Chairman, Terry Erber.

Present: Caroline Kobylczak, Frank D. Wasylewski, Terry Erber, Staci Payton and Ross Payton.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Clerk. A motion by Caroline Kobylczak and seconded by Staci Payton to accept the minutes as read. All in favor, motion carried.

<u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u>	\$ 59,629.25 Checking	\$215,089.06 Road Fund
	11,859.26 Money Market	
	<u>114,615.41</u> CDs	\$ 3,955.70 Fire Debt
	\$186,103.92 TOTAL	

A motion by Frank D Wasylewski to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Caroline Kobylczak. All in favor, motion carried.

SHERIFF REPORT:

Charlevoix County Sheriff, Don Schneider, was in attendance and presented the Sheriff's office annual report for 2008. Schneider reported that calls to our township were down from the prior year. If there are any concerns, he encourages people to call his department.

CENSUS:

Brenda Lacy, from the U.S. Census Bureau, was present recruiting people to work the 2010 Census. Temporary positions are available. It would be beneficial to the township to have local people counting as revenues are received based on populations. We will include a note in the newsletter.

ROAD PROJECTS:

The three road projects have been completed. There is still a small portion by the shoreline of Bows Lake Road that needs to be graded, but that will be completed by the County.

CEMETERY:

The trees have been removed from the cemetery. After trimming trees on the fence line, it was determined that one additional tree needed to be removed as it was dead. The work was done by Ralph Hines of Central Lake and it was reported that he did an excellent job of removing the trees and cleaning up.

HALL REPAIRS:

The Chairman had a contractor inspect the insulation above the ceiling over the dance floor. The insulation was not installed correctly and the whole ceiling should be redone correctly in order to save energy. The insulation that is there is probably not up to current building code. Discussion on how to repair and how to request bids. We will seek bids to remove or secure properly the correct code of insulation, install a dry wall barrier on top, repair/replace electrical outlets and lights and speakers, and reinstall drop ceiling on the hall addition area. The Clerk suggested that we investigate replacing the lights with more energy efficient lights while doing the project. There are some grants available for light replacements. Trustee, Ross Payton will check into options for lights. Once a bid package is completed, we will advertise in the newspaper.

The Chairman also reported that the contractor also looked at the fire building and believes that ice is backing up on top of the overhead doors, causing the water to back up under the flashing board and running down the blocks. The Custodian will caulk the door frames.

ANNUAL ROAD COMMISSION MEETING:

The Clerk reported on the annual meeting with the road commission on October 22nd. Topics covered were the recent road improvement projects. The Road Commission had no updates on the cost share status of Woodin Road. The Clerk contacted the Corwith Township Supervisor. They will discuss at their meeting tonight, he hopes that they would be willing to share the cost. Balog Road. The Clerk was recently contacted by Doug Barrows on Balog Road wanting to know how to get the road abandoned. The Clerk gave Barrows the information, however, the County felt that the road is access to more than just his property so would not be in favor of abandoning. The Clerk suggested a dead end sign at the beginning of the road. Discussed the placement of a sign on the end of Giem Road that was discussed last year as the road is not accessible unless using a four-wheel drive vehicle, yet people using GPS to find our township hall get sent down that road on many occasions. Pat Harmon was going to contact Antrim County to see if some kind of advisory sign could be posted. North Camp Ten Road paving. There is no apparent priority for the County's 15 year improvement, other than it is known that Boyne City-Charlevoix Road is going to be done next year. When pressed how or why this road became the priority however, no one can give an answer. There is the possibility that a bike path will be constructed along that road as well, but there are funding issues, yet they are still going to proceed with it regardless. The Clerk told the Commissioners that this was reckless spending of the taxpayer's money when there are other more serious road improvements that could be done first until the issue is resolved. Sheriff Schneider recommended that the Board send a letter to the County Commissioners voicing our concern. Huffman Lake Road was discussed for future improvements. Also discussed with the County was the Iron Bridge Road. The road is being flooded as the result of beavers damming the river. The Road Commission will contact their attorney to see what can be done.

There were several property owners at this meeting to discuss the flooding of Iron Bridge Road. Beavers have dammed the river causing extensive flooding of the road. The DNR is investigating whether the beavers are on State land or not so that they can be trapped. The Board feels this should not matter as the road is flooded and regardless whose property the beaver dam is located, they should be removed. The Board recommended that property owners contact the sheriff department through 911. Perhaps the prosecuting attorney will become involved by doing such.

NEWSLETTER:

A newsletter will be mailed with the tax bills. If anyone has any information for the newsletter, they should get it to the Clerk as soon as possible.

SECURITY SYSTEM:

The Board will pursue installing a security system for the hall but will wait for next year's budget.

NOISE ORDINANCE:

Marvin Vosburg, a resident on Thumb Lake, presented the board with a sample noise ordinance from Muskegon. Vosburg would like to see such an ordinance in our township to help enforce load noises on Thumb Lake and elsewhere. The Board will review for future discussion.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

The Chief presented a \$1,000 donation the department received from Northern Michigan Chapter A.P.I. A gauge has gone out on the foam control on the truck. The Chief has contacted Front Line. They will be out to repair it.

A motion by Frank D Wasylewski to pay the following bills and seconded by Staci Payton. All in favor, motion carried.

#8318	23Oct 09	Ralph Hines	Cemetery-cut3 trees, remove,chip,trim	\$4,120.00
#8319	29Oct 09	CenturyTel	Telephone	\$92.16
#8320	4 Nov09	Waste Management	Garbage – hall	\$107.51
#8321	“ “ “	Advance Electric, Inc.	Hall – light for flagpole	\$244.43
#8322	“ “ “	Joe Sevenski	Hall- Custodian supplies, flagpole	\$17.30
#8323	“ “ “	Great Lakes Energy	Electricity – hall & fire	\$240.86
#8324	“ “ “	Exxon Mobil	Fire – gasoline	\$82.04
#8325	“ “ “	Randi Terry	Fire – Training classes 15classes@\$15	\$105.00
#8326	“ “ “	Mike Terry	Fire – Training classes 15classes@\$15	\$105.00
#8327	“ “ “	OTEC	Fire – 8 radio batteries	\$494.00
#8328	“ “ “	Kathleen Murray	Hall refund	\$150.00
#8329	“ “ “	White Tails Unlimited	Hall refund(less cleaning fee)	\$50.00
#8330	“ “ “	Joan Wasylewski	Hall refund-WTU cleaning	\$100.00
#8331	“ “ “	Charlevoix Co Road Comm	Roads-Kuzmik \$45,863.81, Bingham \$30,363.39 & Woodin \$31,292.89	\$107520.09
#8332	“ “ “	John A Kurbis	Planning Commission	\$34.49
#8333	“ “ “	Ross W Payton	Trustee	\$69.41
#8334	“ “ “	Carolyn Amman	Planning Commission	\$34.49
#8335	“ “ “	Ronald D Grubaugh II	Planning Commission	\$32.32
#8336	“ “ “	Caroline Kobylczak	Trustee/Pl Comm & ZBA	\$136.95
#8337	“ “ “	Nels L Jensen	Zoning Board of Appeals	\$32.32
#8338	“ “ “	Joseph A Sevenski	Custodian 19hrs @ \$9.25	\$163.20
#8339	“ “ “	Staci A Payton	Treasurer	\$385.95
#8340	“ “ “	Joan Wasylewski	Planning Comm & ZBA – Chairman	\$74.04
#8341	“ “ “	Terry L Erber	Supervisor	\$368.25
#8342	“ “ “	Frank D Wasylewski	Clerk	\$424.30

A motion by Terry Erber to adjourn and seconded by Caroline Kobylczak. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 9:23p.m.