

6 May 2009 Regular Meeting

In the absence of the Supervisor, the meeting was called to order by the Clerk, Frank D Wasylewski, at 7:30p.m. in the township hall.

The Clerk was chosen to chair the meeting.

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

Absent: Terry Erber

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Clerk. A motion by Caroline Kobylczak to correct the minutes regarding "Fireworks" reading "he and Caroline Kobylczak will work on it" to say "the whole Board will work on it". Motion seconded by Ross Payton. All in favor, motion carried.

<u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u>	\$ 92,869.11 Checking	\$212,759.57 Road Fund
	11,829.74 Money Market	
	<u>114,314.42</u> CDs	\$ 29,165.36 Fire Debt
	\$219,013.27 TOTAL	

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Census Bureau is preparing for the 2010 Census and reminds local governments to become involved to make sure everyone is counted. An accurate count of our township is important as governmental funds and representation are based on populations.

Received word from MTA that because of the State's continuing budget woes, Revenue Sharing will most likely be cut to the Township, even though it was previously reported that revenue sharing would not be cut. We expect a cut of approximately \$2,000.

FORECLOSED PROPERTY:

The Treasurer presented a letter from the County Treasurer listing two parcels that are on foreclosure. The township has the first option to purchase. One parcel is on West Shore Trail and one is on Tower Road. The Treasurer will seek additional information from the County as the parcels are at a good value and the one on Huffman Lake might possibly be of benefit to the township.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The active case that the Planning Commission was acting on has been settled. Ronald Grubaugh, Jr. had previously submitted an application for membership on the Planning Commission. A motion by Ross Payton to appoint Ronald Grubaugh, Jr. to the Hudson Township Planning Commission to fill the vacant position with the term ending 30 August 2009. Motion seconded by Caroline Kobylczak. All in favor, motion carried.

AMBULANCE:

John Lamont, EMS director for City of Boyne City, was present to review the new ambulance contract for the township. The ambulance is running approximately \$108,000 over budget and the City is passing half the expense onto the townships that use the service. A new rate was established based on a fixed flat rate, percentage of utilization by units and percentage of population of unit. Hudson Township's cost for ambulance service under this new allocation will be \$7,548.37, a \$5,000 increase over the previous year. The Board expressed discontent with the increase, but has no alternatives at this point.

A motion by Frank D Wasylewski to enter into the "Agreement between the City of Boyne City and Hudson Township" for ambulance service for the period of 1 May 2009 to 1 May 2010 in the amount of \$7,548.37, payable quarterly. Motion seconded by Staci Payton. All in favor, motion carried.

SPRING CLEAN-UP:

This year's spring clean-up was again well attended, with the majority of containers being filled.

NO PARKING SIGNS:

No information on no-parking signs for Kuzmik Road. The Clerk did question why the Board would act on the issue when it was an active case with the Planning Commission.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

The Clerk presented and reviewed the Financial Statements for Hudson Township for Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2009. Cash on hand in the general fund was \$223,709.92, in the road account \$212,759.57 and in the fire debt account \$45,873.23. The USDA note payable is \$226,000.00.

Total general fund revenues for the year were \$730,873.42 and expenses were \$711,613.42.

A motion by Staci Payton to accept the financial statements of Hudson Township for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009. Motion supported by Caroline Kobylczak. All in favor, motion carried.

WAGE REVIEWS:

In accordance with our salary schedule, the custodial positions are eligible for a pay increase of \$0.25 if the Board is favorable with their performance. The Board was in consensus that both custodians are deserving of the pay step. According to the Fire Department pay scale, any trained member that attends at least 8 in house meetings per calendar year will receive a \$0.25/ hour increase to their hourly run scale. The Clerk reported that with the information received to date, there are three fire department members eligible for the increase. A motion by Ross Payton to increase the hourly pay scale \$0.25/hour for the following: Joan Wasylewski, Joseph Sevenski, Shawn Bauman, Tony Budzinski and Carolyn Amman. Motion seconded by Caroline Kobylczak. All in favor, motion carried.

ROAD BRINE:

The Supervisor has arranged with the Road Commission for the first application of road brine to be applied within the next two weeks.

KUZMIK ROAD:

Engineer’s gravel estimate was received from the Road Commission for the portion of Kuzmik Road on the border with Boyne Valley Township. To place 4” Afton Stone @ 22-ft wide is estimated to be \$39,325. To place 6” Afton Stone @ 22-ft wide is estimated to cost \$58,825. The township would only pay half if Boyne Valley Township also agrees to complete the project. Discussion on improving the road. The Clerk presented a map of the township highlighting the status of roads. The east and west borders of the township have not seen any road improvements. Ross Payton suggested that if we complete the first mile of the road, we should continue placing Afton Stone on the remaining portion of the road that is not seasonal.

A motion by Frank D Wasylewski to request Charlevoix County Road Commission to obtain bids to place 6” of Afton Stone for the first mile of Kuzmik Road from North Camp Ten Road, provided Boyne Valley Township is willing to cost share at 50%, and to also request bids to place 6” of Afton Stone on the portion of Kuzmik Road that continues in Hudson Township up to the spot where the road becomes seasonal. Motion seconded by Ross Payton. All in favor, motion carried.

BOAT LAUNCHES:

The Supervisor is working on obtaining prices for suitable stone to repair the boat launches at Huffman and Bows Lake.

FIRE WORKS:

Ross Payton reported that Boyne Valley has no ordinance or policy for firework displays, that once the permit is filled out, the Board approves it at their meeting. Discussion on status of policy for our township and who is going to be responsible to draft one. Ross Payton will work on preparing a policy.

VANDERBILT SUMMER TAX:

The Clerk reported that he was contacted by Vanderbilt Schools regarding collecting summer taxes for the school. The School would like the township to consider collecting the taxes at a rate of \$1.25/parcel. After discussion, the consensus of the Board is to retain the rate of \$2.50/parcel for summer tax collection.

PAVILION:

The Custodian, Joe Sevenski, reported that kids are moving the picnic tables from the pavilion area so as to skateboard and rollerblade. Sevenski recommends placing a sign prohibiting skateboarding and rollerblading on the pavilion area. A sign should also be made that says “please do not remove tables from pavilion”.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief, Shawn Bauman, was not present at the meeting as he is attending pump training. It was reported that the old tanker truck was sold at the Boyne Valley consignment auction for \$4,100, less an 8% auction fee.

Motion by Caroline Kobylczak to pay the following bills, second by Staci Payton. All in favor, motion carried.

#8141	4 Apr 09	Charlevoix County Treasurer	Tax refund 008-034-009-01	\$255.20
#8142	14Apr 09	Vanderbilt Area Schools	Tax disbursement	\$2,284.81
#8143	“ “ “	Charlevoix County Treasurer	Tax disbursement	\$2,185.89
#8144	27Apr 09	CenturyTel	Telephone	\$98.18
#8145	“ “ “	MTA	Spring District Meeting (3people)	\$178.00
#8146	29Apr 09	Chesley Consulting	Annual Web page hosting	\$300.00
#8147	4 May 09	U.S. Postal Service	Postage – Treasurer	\$9.80
#8148	6 May 09	Gary Holborn	Spring clean-up	\$90.00
#8149	“ “ “	Gary Stilson	Spring clean-up	\$90.00
#8150	“ “ “	Don Sevenski Excavating	Spring clean-up Loader use	\$200.00
#8151	“ “ “	Apex Software	Assessor – software maintenance	\$215.00
#8152	“ “ “	U.S. Postal Service	Postage – Newsletter & Assessor	\$88.00
#8153	“ “ “	Young, Graham & Elsenheimer,PC	Zoning Attorney	\$871.50
#8154	“ “ “	KSS Enterprises	Hall – custodian supplies	\$7.76
#8155	“ “ “	Waste Management	Hall – garbage	\$104.88
#8156	“ “ “	Joseph Sevenski	Hall – custodian supplies	\$105.69

#8157	“	“	“	Frank D Wasylewski	Newsletter postage/print cartridge	\$125.48
#8158	“	“	“	Great Lakes Energy	Electricity	\$254.58
#8159	“	“	“	Johnson Oil Company of Gaylord	Fuel – Hall & Fire	\$1,668.37
#8160	“	“	“	Northern Fire & Safety	Fire – Hydro test 3 air packs	\$75.50
#8161	“	“	“	Exxon Mobil	Fire – gas	\$78.15
#8162	“	“	“	Northern Michigan Review	Publications – board of review	\$246.40
#8163	“	“	“	Steve Anthony	Hall cancellation	\$150.00
#8164	“	“	“	John A Kurbis	Planning Comm Sp Use & Regular	\$65.83
#8165	“	“	“	Ross W Payton	Trustee	\$69.41
#8166	“	“	“	Carolyn Amman	Planning Comm Sp Use & Regular	\$63.98
#8167	“	“	“	Caroline Kobylczak	Trustee	\$67.96
#8168	“	“	“	Joseph A Sevenski	Custodian – 43 hours @ \$9.25	\$366.98
#8169	“	“	“	Staci A Payton	Treasurer	\$385.95
#8170	“	“	“	Void		
#8171	“	“	“	Terry Erber	Supervisor	\$368.25
#8172	“	“	“	Frank D Wasylewski	Clerk	\$424.30
#8173	“	“	“	Charlevoix Co Fire Officers Assoc	Fire-dues,OHD tester, Hurst Ext lisc	\$241.50
#8174	“	“	“	Caroline Kobylczak	Planning Comm Sp Use & Regular	\$64.99
#8175	“	“	“	Joan Wasylewski	Planning Comm Chair	\$68.84

A motion by Staci Payton to adjourn, seconded by Caroline Kobylczak. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 9:50p.m.