

**CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
of the
JANUARY 21, 2015
REGULAR MEETING**

The Chippewa Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly Regular Meeting on Wednesday, January 21, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. Present were Chairman Jim Bouril, Supervisor Nancy Lamey, Supervisor Mark Hoenig, Manager Mark Taylor, Solicitor George Verlihay, Code Enforcement Officer Dawna Pella and Administrative Assistant Cindy Clark.

Chairman Jim Bouril called the meeting to order.

VISITORS

Chief Berchtold attended.

MINUTES

Mr. Bouril had the following minutes for review:

1. December 17, 2014 Supervisors' Combined Agenda & Regular Meeting

There were no additions or corrections and the minutes were approved as submitted.

The Supervisors acknowledged the minutes of the following meetings:

1. The minutes of the November 17, 2014 Sanitary Authority Board Meeting
2. The minutes of the December 1, 2014 Recreation Board Meeting
3. The minutes of the December 9, 2014 Planning Commission meeting

ITEMS TO BE ACTED ON

None.

REPORTS

Chairman Bouril had the following reports for review:

1. Financial Report
2. Police Department Report
3. Road Report
4. Wage Tax/OPT Report
5. Real Estate Tax Report
6. Zoning Report
7. Code Enforcement Officer's Report
8. Fire Report

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Taylor had the following items listed on the agenda for discussion:

1. Waste Management Garbage Contract:

Manager Taylor said that he recently sent an e-mail to Waste Management's personnel letting them know that he was planning to discuss the possibility of terminating their contract due to poor performance with the Board of Supervisors. He said that e-mail then sparked a 9 a.m. meeting the next day with five representatives from Waste Management. The Manager attended that meeting along with receptionist Dorinda Roberts, who was working that day. At that meeting, the issues the Township has been having with complaint calls

regarding Waste Management were discussed. The representatives assured the Township that the problems will be taken care of. Mr. Taylor said that although he has his doubts, the number of complaint calls has decreased. He said that other than two complaint calls received at the Township earlier today, the calls have stopped since the meeting with Waste Management representatives was held. He said he hopes this trend continues.

Mr. Bouril reminded everyone that another meeting had been held previous to this meeting and Waste Management representatives said things would get better at that time, too, but they did not. Mr. Taylor said Waste Management assured him that things would be fixed this time. He said at first they were using the incorrect list of customers. He said they have the correct list now. The Manager said that Waste Management claims that until this latest meeting, they were not aware that things were as bad as they were. The Manger said, "Time will tell." He said he hates to do a switch at this point, but will go back to Valley Waste if need be. He has been in contact with Valley Waste and knows they could begin pick-up in the Township again in about two weeks on Tuesdays.

Supervisor Hoenig said that the girls who answer the telephone at the Township Building (Dorinida Roberts, Cindy Clark and Eileen Keenan) have had to take care of most of the customers' problems with Waste Management's service. Supervisor Hoenig added that he has also been contacted by residents and he, himself, has tried to take care of some of the residents' complaints about Waste Management.

MR. HOENIG MOVED TO GIVE AUTHORITY to Mark Taylor to terminate the contract with Waste Management and switch to Valley Waste without a special Supervisors' meeting if Waste Management reverts to giving poor service. Ms. Lamey seconded the motion. Mr. Bouril said that he feels confident in giving this authority to the Manager because he knows Mr. Taylor would not just switch companies "on a whim". Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Taylor said that he would work with Attorney Verlihay if this switch is necessary

The Manager and Solicitor noted that Waste Management had put out a "phone blast" about continuing pick-up on the MLK holiday and that this can be done when needed. He said that they do not have the telephone numbers of all of the Township residents, though.

2. Yard waste composting site:

Manager Taylor said even with the permitting policy which began in 2014, the Township still cannot completely control who is dumping at the Klein Street composting site and when the dumping is being done. He feels adjustments need to be made and he has been discussing this with other communities. He will continue to contact other communities to see what type of rules, regulations and hours they have. He feels perhaps we should hire someone to be present at the site to check permits. He also thinks the Township should limit the days and hours when residents can dump there. He said that he will provide any additional information he receives from other communities to the Supervisors. Mr. Hoenig said there are many volunteers on various Township boards and commissions and if we decide to hire someone to sit at the site, perhaps we should see if any of those people would like to be considered for the position.

MANAGER'S MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Manager Taylor asked the Police Chief if he could be provided with copies of police reports that pertain to things that happen on Township property. Chief Berchtold said he will provide these with pertinent information (birthdates, social security numbers, etc.) redacted. Mr. Hoenig also would appreciate seeing these reports.

Solicitor Verlihay then asked Chief Berchtold if any of the Township's policies need to be changed in regard to the event that happened in Center Township that was in the news recently. The Chief said that he doesn't know all of the details of the Center situation. He said that The Township police adhere to safeguards and it is policy to handcuff suspects behind their backs.. He said although he does not know the exact circumstances and is not in a position to defend the Center police officers, he could understand them wanting to leave the heater on in the cruiser on a cold night. There was some discussion about the Center situation, where the suspect in the back of the cruiser supposedly jumped through the partition and managed to drive the cruiser at a high speed while wearing handcuffs. Attorney Verlihay said Center was fortunate that nothing worse happened.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Chairman Bouril had the December 2014 bills for review.

MS. LAMEY MOVED TO APPROVE payment of the December 2014 bills. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hoenig, and with no further discussion the motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S BUSINESS

Attorney Verlihay asked if any of the Supervisors would consider passing a leaf ordinance requiring people to remove their leaves. He said they get into the catch basins, causing problems for the road crew and he added that the accumulation of leaves also just makes the properties look bad. The Manager and Chairman Bouril said this suggestion could be looked into and the Manager and Dawna Pella said an ordinance of this type would have to be enforceable.

SUPERVISORS' BUSINESS

Since Chairman Bouril will not attend the two February meetings, he thanked Ms. Lamey and Mr. Hoenig in advance for agreeing to handle the meetings in his absence.

ADJOURNMENT/MEETING DATES

With nothing further to come before the Board, Chairman Bouril adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

The scheduled meeting dates for February, 2015 are: Agenda Meeting: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.; Regular Meeting: Wednesday, February 18, 2015, at 7:30 p.m.

Secretary

Chairman