

**CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA MEETING
MARCH 9, 2011**

The Chippewa Township Board of Supervisors held their agenda meeting on Wednesday, March 9, 2011, beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Present were Supervisor James Bouril; Manager Mark Taylor; Code Officer Dawna Pella; Bookkeeper Beth Popik and Administrative Assistant Angie O'Dell. Supervisors Roberts and Lamey were absent.

Chairman Bouril brought the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Manager Taylor had the following items for discussion:

1. Auditor General Findings - Manager Taylor reported that the state auditor general was recently here and did an audit of the uniformed and non uniformed pension plans for 2008, 2009 and 2010. Below are some of their observations and findings.

(A) Ordinance No. 226 - Section 404 and 405 states that death benefit payments may be paid in optional form but the township does not have optional forms. Our solicitor will have to amend this ordinance and advertise the adoption of the new amended ordinance to come in compliance with the audit.

(B) Ordinance No. 181 - this ordinance does not conform to Chippewa's policy which is that a new employee does not become vested in the pension plan until the employee is done with a 6 month probation period. Ordinance No. 181 states that the employee is vested from the first day of hire. We will change our policy rather than amend the ordinance.

(C) Money Transfer - the auditors noticed that some excess monies from both the uniformed and non uniformed plans were held back in low interest bearing accounts. They suggested that we transfer these funds to a higher interest account.

Consequently, \$270,000 from the uniformed account and \$150,000 from the non uniformed accounts will be transferred to higher interest accounts. These accounts are both be in the Huntington Pension Plans.

2. McKinley Park Phase I - Mr. Taylor noted that the township will have to remove some trees in the park in a 280 foot distance from the site and this will need to be done by April 1, 2011. He wanted to have the road department do this, but the inclement weather has prevented this. The trees need to be removed before April 1, 2011, because of the Indiana Bat Migration. The bats return to this area around April 1. If the trees are not removed when we start work in the park, it will interfere with our storm water construction..Mr. Taylor will have W.D. Wright Construction take the trees down. They agreed to charge an hourly rate.
3. Library Partnership meeting.- Mr. Taylor and Mr. Roberts attended a school board meeting on February 23, 2011, to discuss collaboration with the school district, the county and the township regarding locating a new facility for the library. Mr. Taylor gave a presentation to the school board. The discussion covered finding a new, larger facility because the library has outgrown the space they are in now. Also, Mr. Taylor said that they would need contributions from the school district, the county and the township to make this happen. There was no action at this point. Mr. Taylor is expecting a follow up meeting.
4. Spring newsletter - Manager Taylor announced that we will be getting together a spring newsletter and asked that the supervisors submit any articles they would like to see in the newsletter. He hopes to have it out by the first week of April 1.
5. Comcast Grant - Mr. Taylor met with Comcast Representative Frank Polito. Mr. Polito presented the township with a \$12,400 grant. This was a result of the Comcast Agreement we entered into with other townships. This money could be used to establish a channel on Comcast to be used for the township. It would cost \$500 a month to maintain this channel. However, the money does not have to be used for a new channel. It does have to be used for some kind of township program. Mr. Taylor thought that the Sahli property project could be one of our considerations.

Manager Taylor had nothing further.

SUPERVISORS BUSINESS

Chairman Bouril announced that we have been invited to participate in a Centennial Celebration in Shippingport if anyone wishes to attend.

VISITORS

Chairman Bouril noted that usually visitors are allowed to speak at the beginning of our meetings, but since our two visitors arrived late, he asked if they would like to speak now.

Mrs. Pam Hupp, of James Street, and her son Sean were present so that Sean could observe the meeting for his scout citizenship merit badge. He asked to have a copy of the completed township general budget for 2011. Mr. Taylor had him fill out a right to know request and got him a copy of the budget.

With nothing further to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned.

Secretary

Chairman