

**CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
of the
COMBINED AGENDA AND REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
DECEMBER 11, 2013**

The Chippewa Township Board of Supervisors held a combined Agenda and Regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at 3 p.m. Present were Supervisors Jim Bouril, Thomas Roberts and Nancy Lamey, Manager Mark Taylor, Code Enforcement Officer Dawna Pella, Administrative Assistant Cindy Clark and Financial Officer Beth Popik. Attorney Verlihay arrived at 3:15, while others were in executive session.

Chairman Bouril called the meeting to order.

VISITORS

Present were Chief Berchtold and Zoning Secretary Eileen Keenan. There were no comments.

MINUTES

Supervisor Bouril had the following minutes for review:

1. The minutes of the November 13, 2013 Supervisors' Agenda Meeting.
2. The minutes of the November 20, 2013 Supervisors' Regular Meeting.

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

The Supervisors acknowledged the minutes of the following meetings:

1. September 16, 2013 Sanitary Authority Meeting
2. October 21, 2013 Sanitary Authority Meeting
2. November 4, 2013 Recreation Board Meeting

(The November 12, 2013 Planning Commission Meeting was cancelled.)

ITEMS TO BE ACTED ON

The following item was presented by Township Manager Mark Taylor for action:

1 DeLuca subdivision:

Manager Mark Taylor explained that this is a one-lot subdivision off of George Street. Mr. DeLuca is subdividing Lot # 1 for his son, so his son can build a home. The Manager said that the Planning Commission reviewed this last night and made a recommendation for approval contingent on Mr. Culler's comments. He added that Mr. DeLuca provided Dawna Pella with a mylar at the meeting. Manager Taylor recommended this be approved contingent on Mr. Culler's comments being addressed.

MR. ROBERTS MOVED TO APPROVE the subdivision with contingencies. Ms. Lamey seconded the motion and the motion carried.

REPORTS

Chairman Bouril had the following November reports for review:

1. Financial Report
2. Police Department Report
3. Road Department 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. 2014 MMO amendment:

Manager Mark Taylor gave the Supervisors a copy of the report regarding pension plans as he does every year. With that is the amendment of the MMO. He said after seeing the actual evaluation report there had to be an amendment. He wanted to provide the Supervisors with a revised copy.

2. Garbage exemption letters:

Mr. Taylor received two requests for garbage pick-up exemptions. Supervisors were given copies of the request letters.

A. Carl Taylor, 2182 Darlington Road:

Carl Taylor requested an exemption at his 2182 Darlington Road address because he has a dumpster at his business, located at 543 Elmbrook Road. The business is Carl Taylor and Sons, Inc. The Manager said this is the typical situation where exemptions are usually granted.

MR. ROBERTS MOVED TO GRANT Mr. Taylor's request to be given an exemption from mandatory garbage pick-up at 2182 Darlington Road. Ms. Lamey seconded the motion and the motion carried.

B. Gary Gilchrist, 112 Valley Street:

Gary Gilchrist requested an exemption at his 112 Valley Street address because he indicated that he has a business located at 4600 4th Avenue in Beaver Falls where he disposes of his trash. But Manager Taylor recommended that the Supervisors table this until he investigates this further. The owner of 4600 4th Avenue is not Mr. Gilchrist & the owner said that Mr. Gilchrist does not work for him at the 4th Avenue address. Mr. Gilchrist does rent a garage from him, though. Mr. Taylor said this could be a legitimate request for exemption but he wants more time to check into it before the Supervisors make a decision on this.

MR. ROBERTS MOVED TO TABLE any decision on Mr. Gilchrist's request until the Manager and Ms. Pella investigate further. Ms. Lamey seconded the motion and the motion carried.

3. 2015 IRT:

Mr. Taylor said the Township has started the application for the 2015 IRT. He said we are approved for 2014. There will be a phone conference on December 18th. Advertising will be done, as part of the application for 2015. Mr. Taylor is working to keep the process moving. The span is for 2014 – 2017.

4. Executive Session:

At 3:10, Manager Mark Taylor, the three Supervisors and Chief Berchtold went into executive session for a personnel matter. At 3:15 the Chief left the executive session but the others remained in executive session for an additional 10 minutes.

The executive session ended at 3:25.

Following the executive session, Chairman Bouril explained that the State Police did an audit and they are concerned about security in the Police Department. A recommendation has been made that anyone who has access to the Department without being escorted by Department personnel needs to be fingerprinted and needs to have a background check. The Manager will be looking into this.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mr. Bouril had the November 2013 bills for review.

MS. LAMEY MOVED TO PAY the November 2013 bills. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts and carried.

SOLICITOR'S BUSINESS

None.

SUPERVISORS' BUSINESS

After 36 years, this was Tom Roberts' last meeting as a Supervisor. He said that it has been a joy and a privilege to work for the Township. He thanked everyone who worked with him and said he will miss everyone. Manager Mark Taylor and Supervisors Bouril and Lamey thanked Mr. Roberts for his many years of service to the Township, said they appreciated all he has done, and let him know that he will be missed. A party for Mr. Roberts will be held at the fire hall on January 19th.

With nothing further to come before the Board, Supervisor Bouril adjourned the meeting at 3:27 p.m.

The January 2014 meetings are scheduled as follows: Combined Agenda and Reorganization Meeting: Monday, January 6, 2014, at 3 p.m.; Regular Meeting: Wednesday, January 15, 2014, at 7:30 p.m.

Secretary

Chairman