

**CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
of the
AUGUST 19, 2015
REGULAR MEETING**

The Chippewa Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly Regular Meeting on Wednesday, August 19, 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 Bouril called the meeting to order.

VISITORS

Chief Berchtold attended. Also attending were Linda Steffens of 120 Ridge Avenue, David Furnival of 111 Ridge Avenue and Brian Wade of 126 Ridge Avenue. (Brian Wade arrived after the meeting began.)

The Ridge residents were interested in having street lights placed on their street. They wanted to know the procedure for requesting this. Manager Taylor had some questions for the visitors concerning their request. He will check into this.

Ms. Steffens also asked for Neighborhood Watch signs and complained about speeders and the lack of speed limit signs in the Ridge area. Mr. Taylor will also look into these matters.

MINUTES

Chairman Bouril had the following minutes for review:

1. The minutes of the July 8, 2015 Combined Agenda and Regular Meeting.

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

The Supervisors acknowledged the minutes of the following meetings:

1. The minutes of the June 15, 2015 Sanitary Authority Board Meeting
2. The minutes of the July 6, 2015 Recreation Board Meeting
3. The minutes of the July 14, 2015 Planning Commission Meeting

ITEMS TO BE ACTED ON

None.

REPORTS

The following reports were listed on the agenda:

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. (No Fire Report was submitted for the month of July.)

MANAGER'S REPORT

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

1. Resignation of Dennis Damazo, Chippewa Township Police Department:

Manager Taylor said Officer Damazo is now able to receive his pension and he has resigned from his part-time position with the Chippewa Township Police Department. He still works full-time at Geneva College. Manager Taylor said he was a very good officer for many years.

MS. LAMEY MOVED TO ACCEPT Officer Demazo's resignation. Mr. Hoenig seconded the motion and without further discussion the motion carried.

2. Permission to fill part-time vacancy, Chippewa Township Police Department:

Manager Taylor then asked the Supervisors if they would vote to authorize Chief Berchtold to advertise and then hire a part-time officer to fill the position vacated by Officer Damazo.

MR. HOENIG MOVED TO AUTHORIZE Chief Berchtold to advertise for and hire a part-time officer. Ms. Lamey seconded the motion and without further discussion the motion carried.

3. Board Reappointments and Appointment:
 - A. Don Olayer
Reappointment
Property Maintenance Code Board of Appeals
Term expiration date: June 17, 2015
 - B. Douglas Loughner
Reappointment
Planning Commission
Term expiration date: August 25, 2015
 - C. Larry McCowin
Reappointment
Planning Commission
Term expiration date: August 25, 2015
 - D. Gary Davison
Appointment
Sanitary Authority
(recommended to fill unexpired term of Frank Richter, who resigned)
(term ends on the first Monday in January of 2016) (recommendation
letter was received from Jason Landsbach, Council President of Big
Beaver Borough)

MR. HOENIG MOVED TO APPOINT/REAPPOINT the individuals listed above to the seats on the Property Maintenance Code Board of Appeals, the Planning Commission and the Sanitary Authority as indicated. Ms. Lamey seconded the motion, and without further discussion the motion carried.

4. Traffic Study Requests:
 - A. 37th Street Ext./Shenango Road:
Manager Taylor said he had a request for the State to do a study because of a fatality there. Bill Maurer made the request. Mr. Taylor said that a year ago this was studied and after they looked at statistics, it was determined that nothing would be done at that time. He said this fatality did not occur due to sight restrictions or speed, but due to assumptions. Someone assumed that another person had a stop sign.

MR. HOENIG MOVED TO REQUEST a traffic study of the 37th Street/Shenango Road intersection. Ms. Lamey seconded the motion and without further discussion the motion carried.

B. Braden School/Braun Road

A request for a study of this intersection was also made. Deanna Hall made the request. It also was studied last year. Although Manager Taylor knows of no development in the last year, that was the reason given for wanting the study. Manager Taylor said that he has spoken to Representative Marshall and he is willing to submit a letter with this request.

MR. HOENIG MOVED TO REQUEST a traffic study of the Braden School/Braun Road intersection. Ms. Lamey seconded the motion and without further discussion the motion carried.

5. New Township web site:

Manager Taylor said the new Township web site is ready and he is waiting to receive it from M G Soft-Net. He said that Cindy Clark and others on the staff went over the draft site and sent the company several changes that needed to be made. The Manager will send a link to the new site to the Supervisors when he receives it. He asked the Supervisors to look it over when they receive it and let him know if any other adjustments need to be made before the new site goes live. He said that after additional training, Cindy Clark and Dorinda Roberts will be able to make all needed changes on the site and a third party will no longer be needed to do this. He said computer programmers were needed to make certain changes on the old web site because of how it was set up.

MISCELLANEOUS MANAGER'S ITEMS

Manager Taylor said that at last Wednesday's Agenda Meeting, the Board passed two ordinances. One was an amendment to the yard waste site, so that changes in days and times can now be made to accommodate the needs of those in the community. (#250) The second ordinance dealt with the flood plain. (#251) This was a State mandate. It had to be approved by the 17th.

Manager Taylor presented the Township's Pension Fund Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) paperwork to the Board of Supervisors. This is to make the Supervisors aware of the Township's obligation to supplement the current pension plan.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Chairman Bouril presented the bills.

MS. LAMEY MOVED TO PAY the bills. Mr. Hoenig seconded the motion and without further discussion the motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S BUSINESS

Attorney Verlihay said that representatives of Residential Resources were asked by the Township to enter into an arrangement to make payments in lieu of paying taxes. They said they were not going to pay anything and threatened to turn the Township into Fair Housing. Attorney Verlihay said this amounts to a lot of money and he feels it would not be fair to other single families in Chippewa if they were permitted to forgo paying taxes. He and Manager Taylor explained that in the past Residential Resources insisted that they were not an institution but when it comes to paying taxes they want to be considered an institution.

Attorney Verlihay reminded everyone that Residential Services receives police and fire services from the Township. He also said that other similar group homes pay.

He said if we want to file an appeal, it must be done before the end of August.

MR. HOENIG MOVED TO DIRECT the Solicitor to appeal. Mr. Hoenig said that it makes sense to him that if McGuire pays, Residential Resources should also pay. Ms. Lamey said she agreed with Mr. Hoenig. Ms. Lamey seconded the motion and the motion carried.

SUPERVISORS' BUSINESS

Chairman Bouril said he received an anonymous letter from "a concerned Chippewa taxpayer". The person complained about dogs running loose, quads running up and down the street and people driving more than 40 mph. The letter was turned over to the police.

ADJOURNMENT/MEETING DATES

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

The scheduled meeting dates for September 2015 are: Agenda meeting: Wednesday, September 9th at 8:30 a.m., Regular Meeting: Wednesday, September 16th at 7:30 p.m.

Secretary

Chairman

