

**CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES  
of the  
COMBINED AGENDA AND REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2015**

The Chippewa Township Board of Supervisors held a Combined Agenda and Regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. Present were Vice Chairman Nancy Lamey, Supervisor Mark Hoenig, Manager Mark Taylor, Solicitor George Verlihay, Code Enforcement Officer Dawna Pella and Administrative Assistant Cindy Clark. Chairman Jim Bouril was not present.

Vice Chairman Nancy Lamey called the meeting to order.

**VISITORS**

Chief Berchtold attended. He made no comments.

**MINUTES**

Ms. Lamey had the following minutes for review:

1. The minutes of the August 12, 2015 Supervisors' Agenda Meeting.
2. The minutes of the August 19, 2015 Supervisors' 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. July 20, 2015 Sanitary Authority Meeting
2. August 3, 2015 Recreation Meeting

The Planning Commission did not meet in August.

### ITEMS TO BE ACTED ON

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

1. Readiness Center Land Development:

Manager Taylor said that changes are being made at the Readiness Center (Armory). Instead of repaving the parking area, they will repair it, as it was not stable enough. Manager Taylor showed the Supervisors a map of the area. Since the project is larger than anticipated, they have to abide by storm water rules. The Planning Commission per Jim Culler recommended approving this contingent on three things: the storm water item, landscaping in the front and the easement.

**MR. HOENIG MOVED TO APPROVE** the Readiness Center request. Ms. Lamey seconded the motion and without further discussion, the motion carried.

### REPORTS

Vice Chairman Lamey had the following August 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. (Supervisors received no Fire Department Report for August)

## MANAGER'S REPORT

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

1. Newsletter:

Manager Taylor said that Eileen Keenan is presently working on the Township's fall newsletter. She has asked various departments for input. He said the Township's 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration will be mentioned in the newsletter and he also may put a rendering of the park in it.

2. Veterans Park:

Manager Taylor updated everyone on the progress at the new park. He said top soil is being screened, and it will be hydro seeded. He said at times there are seven workers there and added that they have now caught up after all of the spring rain. He said that if any of the Supervisors would like to see the progress they should let him know and he will show them.

Attorney Verlihay gave an update on the Trputac property. He said there are two mortgages on that property that were never satisfied of record. Relatives are trying to get this resolved. A bankruptcy was involved. They call him once each week to keep him updated on their efforts.

3. Emergency Management:

Mr. Taylor said that although he has been talking about the possibility of moving Emergency Management to the Fire Dept. building for quite a while, he is not sure now because there is no generator at the Fire Dept. building. He said that long ago when municipal offices were there, they did have a generator, but they no longer have it because it was so old that it was eliminated. He said that the Fire Department has a power unit in one of their vehicles. He is checking to see what would be needed to move Emergency Management to keep the phone and radio service in one area. He said that he doesn't want to ask the Supervisors to approve this move until he checks the costs out further. If possible he would like to see the equipment moved, but not at a high cost. He will speak to an electrician. Supervisor Hoenig said that perhaps Kevin Whipple can search for a grant that might cover this. Mr. Taylor will speak to Kevin Whipple about this.

4. Budget Meeting Dates:

Manager Taylor would like to advertise the budget on November 4<sup>th</sup> and have it ready for adoption on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Three budget meetings will be held, one after the agenda meeting, one before the regular meeting, with a third one being set up later the following week, if needed.

### MANAGER'S MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Manager Taylor said that Halloween trick or treat will be held from 6 to 8 on Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> this year. He will have this information placed on the Fire Department sign.

### PAYMENT OF BILLS

Supervisor Lamey had the August 2015 bills for review.

**MR. HOENIG MOVED TO PAY** the bills. Ms. Lamey seconded the motion and with no further discussion the motion carried.

### SOLICITOR'S BUSINESS

Attorney Verlihay said the flood plain ordinance adopted by the Supervisors recently had been sent to us by a person who was hired as an independent contractor from the Department of Community and Economic Development. It was standardized as to what had to be adopted by local governments in Pennsylvania. It was passed within the time frame and sent back. He said it was verbatim as to what they wanted. But an e-mail from the Federal Energy Management Agency in Philadelphia was sent, notifying the Township that the ordinance was not in compliance and needed to be changed. There was an error with the numbers for an accessory use garage in a flood plain area. After proof reading it and saying it was correct, they decided that there was an error in it. They want a limitation of 200 square feet but the girl who did the one for Pennsylvania put 600 square feet in the ordinance. So the numbers in the ordinance need to be changed from 600 ft. to 200 square feet. He said normally this would go to the commissions and there would be a hearing but he will just have the amendment changing 600 to 200 ready for the October meeting if everyone agrees. Attorney Verlihay said that the lady did apologize for their error. He said he will ask for legible maps, also.

Supervisor Hoenig asked Attorney Verlihay about the problem with Dillon Street, near the school. Attorney Verlihay said signs will be put up and the gate will be locked from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Supervisor Hoenig then asked Attorney Verlihay the status of the Residential Resources problem. Attorney Verlihay said that he didn't file the appeal for Residential Resources because he has another appeal pending that is very similar. He has decided to wait until the other appeal is complete. He said he will then tell them what happened at the first one and give them another chance without going through the appeal process with them, too.

### **SUPERVISORS' BUSINESS**

Supervisor Hoenig said, if possible, he would like the Green Sweep information to be placed in the fall newsletter. If that is not possible, he said he does have flyers to distribute. It will be held on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Hoenig said they checked with the Ron Sullivan of the Fire Department to get the dates of the 2016 Firemen's Carnival. They then chose the following week to celebrate the Township's 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, so they wouldn't conflict with the carnival dates.

Cindy Clark added that when Chuck Wissner gave her the event list to type for the fall newsletter, he did add the month of July this time, so the Township's anniversary celebration dates of July 23<sup>rd</sup> and July 24<sup>th</sup> will be included in the current newsletter.

Mr. Hoenig said Congressman Rothfus will be at the Fly Girls Café on October 13th. The Congressman wants to see the reserve base. Then he will be taken to the fields at the new park.

### **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

Attorney Verlihay requested that something about littering from vehicles be placed in the fall newsletter. Manager Taylor suggested that something about this be placed under Chief Berchtold's portion of the newsletter. Mr. Hoenig added that some community service workers will be participating in the Green Sweep event.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

With nothing further to come before the Board, Ms. Lamey adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

### **MEETING SCHEDULE**

The October meetings are scheduled as follows: Agenda Meeting: Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.; Regular Meeting: Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

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Secretary

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Chairman