

**CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
of the
MAY 20, 2015
REGULAR MEETING**

The Chippewa Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly Regular Meeting on Wednesday, May 20, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. Present were Supervisor Jim Bouril, Supervisor Nancy Lamey, Supervisor Mark Hoenig, Manager Mark Taylor, Code Enforcement Officer Dawna Pella, Solicitor George Verlihay and Administrative Assistant Cindy Clark.

Chairman Bouril called the meeting to order.

VISITORS

Chief Birchtold, Chuck Wissner and Larry Ryan attended.

MINUTES

Chairman Bouril had the following minutes for review:

1. April 8, 2015 Supervisors' Agenda Meeting
2. April 22, 2015 Supervisors' Regular Meeting (rescheduled)

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

The Supervisors acknowledged the minutes of the following meetings:

1. March 16, 2015 Sanitary Authority Board Meeting
2. April 20, 2015 Recreation Board Meeting

The April Planning Commission Meeting was cancelled.

ITEMS TO BE ACTED ON

1. Ordinance # 249:

This ordinance deals with providing for MS4 storm water operation and maintenance and prohibited discharges. Manager Taylor said this was placed in the Times and on the web site. It is ready for adoption. Solicitor Verlihay explained this further.

MR. HOENIG MOVED TO ADOPT Ordinance # 249. Ms. Lamey seconded the motion and without further discussion, the motion carried.

REPORTS

Chairman Bouril had the following April 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

(No April Fire Department report was submitted.)

MANAGER'S REPORT

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

1. MS4 Information/Outfall Inspection:

Manager Taylor said the Township was required to do some outfall inspections. Someone from Michael Baker's office worked with Mark Rimbey on this so that we could be in compliance with the MS4 permit mandate.

2. Trputac Property:

Manager Taylor said that Solicitor Verlihay has prepared the documents to transfer this property into the Township's name.

3. Veterans Park Update:

Manager Taylor said that about a quarter of the site has been stripped of its top soil. He spoke about the retention ponds and the gas line in that area. He said he does not think the Township will have to pay to relocate the gas line if it turns out to be on private property. Someone from the Conservation District has visited the site. Attorney Verlihay noted that a load of top soil is needed at the other fields. He told the Manager that it would help to have some of the top soil in a few places. The Manager said this can be done.

4. Zoning Amendment:

Manager Taylor said he, Solicitor Verlihay, the Planning Commission and Jeff Pierce of Olson Engineering had been working on some zoning amendments. Sadly, Jeff Pierce passed away recently. He said they are close to getting this to the Planning Commission for their review and recommendation. He will continue to work with Attorney Verlihay on this and hopes to get something to the Supervisors within a few months.

5. Dillon Street Access:

The Manager said he and Solicitor Verlihay have noticed that things at the school have changed since the Township set up an agreement with the school in 1986. He gave information to the Supervisors regarding sign removal and the unlocked gate at the connector street that goes on to Dillon. He asked the Supervisors how he should proceed with making contact with the school. He said signs came down and the gates aren't locked. There was some discussion and suggestions on this. Mr. Bouril said it shouldn't matter if they don't have the manpower to close gates – if there is an agreement, the agreement should be followed and it should be done. It was suggested that the Manager provide them with the agreement and ask them to abide with it. The Manager also said he could call the school to let them know that a letter is coming and then a letter with an attachment could be sent to the school from either the Manager or the Solicitor. Attorney Verlihay said that when the school district's plans for that site were approved, the access road was to be used for emergency purposes only and this is in the School Board's minutes and in the Township's minutes. Traffic patterns in that area were discussed.

MANAGER'S MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Manager Taylor provided the Supervisors with a copy of the Chippewa Township financial audit.

Manager Taylor also said he will be discussing amending Ordinance 247 regarding the compost site with Solicitor Verlihay because the original ordinance listed specific days and times which the Manager and Supervisors have now changed.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Chairman Bouril had the April 2015 bills for review

MR. HOENIG MOVED TO APPROVE payment of the April 2015 bills. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lamey and with no further discussion the motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S BUSINESS

Solicitor Verlihay brought up Shenango Woods, PA Pine and Palm and the road there. Manager Taylor and Attorney Verlihay explained the situation there. Mr. Taylor said that there was originally an agreement with PA Pine and Palm for Shenango Woods Phase II and Phase III. He further explained the complicated history of what happened there. Solicitor Verlihay added that although the streets are ours, they were supposed to put a top coat on the streets. This was not done. Manager Taylor told the Solicitor that he would like to see them forced to meet their obligation. He would like to see a written response from them.

The next thing discussed was the Child Protective Services Law. Mr. Taylor spoke about the required background checks for those who work with children. The Manager agrees that these checks should be done. He said the Township needs to have a policy here to have these checks done and he feels the Township should cover the cost of doing this so that firemen, volunteers on our Recreation Board, Sahli Park helpers, etc., do not have to pay for these checks themselves. He said that he plans to get more information on this from the schools.

Solicitor Verlihay then spoke about Residential Resources who purchased property on 37th Street Extension that is used for a group home. He said this organization argued that they didn't have to comply with commercial building code requirements because it is used as a residence. Attorney Verlihay feels that if the home is a residence, then taxes should be paid on it like any other residence in Chippewa Township. He said that McGuire is under a payment in lieu of taxes plan for their structures and he asked the Supervisors if they think this should be handled the same way. The consensus was that the Residential Resources home situation is similar and should be handled the way that McGuire is handled.

SUPERVISORS' BUSINESS

Mr. Hoenig wished the Blackhawk lacrosse team good luck.

Supervisor Lamey said she recently completed the Citizens' Police Academy sponsored by the Beaver Police and District Attorney's Office. It was 10 week course. There were tours that included Hazmat, the 9-1-1 center and the jail. She said classes were very interesting and informative. She said that 300 people have completed these courses so far, and that they will probably continue to have them.

ADJOURNMENT/MEETING DATES

With nothing further to come before the Board Mr. Bouril adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

The scheduled meeting dates for June are: Agenda Meeting: Wednesday, June 10th at 8:30 a.m., Regular Meeting: Wednesday, June 17th at 7:30 p.m.

Secretary

Chairman