

**CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
of the
AUGUST 17, 2016
REGULAR MEETING**

The Chippewa Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly Regular Meeting on Wednesday, August 17, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. Present were Chairman 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 and Tom Holaren attended.

Mr. Holaren was present to represent the Veterans Service Center in New Brighton. Funds have been cut and they may have to close in September. He was asking for donations and said that any amount that Chippewa Township could come up with would be greatly appreciated. He explained some of the things that this Center does. There was some discussion and the Supervisors and Manager asked a few questions. It was noted that the Township receives many requests for donations. Chairman Bouril said this will be looked into. Mr. Holaren was thanked for coming to the Township meeting and he left the meeting at this time.

MINUTES

Chairman Bouril had the following minutes for review:

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| 1. | July 13, 2016 | Supervisors' Agenda Meeting |
| 2. | July 25, 2016 | Supervisors' Regular Meeting |

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

The Supervisors acknowledged the minutes of the following meetings:

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| 1. | June 20, 2016 | Sanitary Authority Board Meeting |
| 2. | July 11, 2016 | Recreation Board Meeting |

The Planning Commission meeting for July was cancelled.

ITEMS TO BE ACTED ON

None.

REPORTS

Chairman Bouril had the following 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
8. Fire Report

MANAGER'S REPORT

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

1. Proposed Maintenance Building:

Manager Taylor reminded everyone that the bid opening will be on August 30th at 10 a.m. for this maintenance building project. He added that many companies have contacted us regarding this bid. He said that although he doesn't know how many bids will come in, around a dozen packets have gone out and there have been many questions about it.

2. Patrol Rifles for the Police Building:

The Manager said the Chief has been discussing these rifles with the officers for about a year. The price is \$1899 per rifle. The officers will pay for their own through payroll deductions at a minimum of \$100 per month. The Township will purchase and own two of the rifles. The total price for all of the rifles will be \$26, 586. The Township will provide the ammunition and the training.

MS. LAMEY MOVED TO AUTHORIZE Chief Berchtold to move forward with the purchase of these rifles and to set up a payroll deduction plan with a minimum of \$100 per month to purchase them. Mr. Hoenig seconded the motion. Mr. Bouril asked to be informed of the time line when this takes place and he was assured by the Chief that this will happen. After this short discussion the motion carried unanimously.

3. Anti-Drug Task Force of Beaver County:

Manager Taylor received a quote from the insurance company. It will cost an additional \$250 a year to cover this employee on the Anti-Drug Task Force of Beaver County. He spoke to Officer Herczak about the Task Force. She feels having an officer on the unit does benefit Chippewa Township. He also talked to Lt. Chamberlain, who heads the unit. He explained the concerns that he, as Township Manager, has with the new agreement, the first being liability. The other concern is the pension issue and Manager Taylor explained why this is also a concern. Solicitor Verlihay also spoke on the matter, saying that he and others met with Dave Lozier last week and raised concerns about the new agreement. Manager Taylor recommended that the Supervisors not approve and sign the new agreement until all of the questions and concerns the Township has are ironed out. He feels that our Chief was wise to look into this further before the Township moves forward with it. He told the Chief to contact Lt. Chamberlain of the Task Force to see if our officer can continue under the previous arrangement.

MS. LAMEY MOVED TO TABLE taking action on the new Beaver County Anti-Drug Task Force agreement until it is further redefined. Mr. Hoenig seconded the motion and with no further discussion the motion carried.

4. Reappointments of Mike Arbogast & Tom Marsilio to the Planning Commission:

Manager Taylor advised the Supervisors that the present terms of Mike Arbogast and Tom Marsilio on the Planning Commission are about to expire.

MR. HOENIG MOVED TO REAPPOINT Mike Arbogast and Tom Marsilio to the Planning Commission. Ms. Lamey seconded the motion and without further discussion the motion carried.

MANAGER'S MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Manager Taylor received the results of a January 2013 through December of 2015 compliance audit from the Attorney General regarding the Chippewa Volunteer Firefighters Relief Association. There was one finding and they are now in compliance. Manager Taylor supplied the Supervisors with copies of this.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Chairman Bouril had the bills for review.

MR. HOENIG MOVED TO APPROVE payment of the July 2016 bills. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lamey, and with no further discussion the motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S BUSINESS

Solitor Verlihay asked Manager Taylor if a meeting with PennDOT concerning Chippewa traffic had been held. The Manager said that a meeting did take place. Attorney Verlihay spoke about the problems in the Route 51/Darlington Road/Get Go/McMillen area. He described the problem as a "stacking issue". He feels that a lane for left hand turns onto McMillen should be looked into. The Manager feels that an interactive radar system that changes the light pattern as the traffic increases and decreases should be looked into.

Solicitor Verlihay then spoke about the owner of the K-Mart building. He said an assessment appeal was filed. The Board of Assessment denied any change in the assessment of K-Mart. Attorney Verlihay said that the appeal was not done properly and he further explained this situation. He believes the court will set up a hearing soon on this matter.

SUPERVISORS' BUSINESS

Supervisor Hoenig e-mailed Shawn Warner to let him know the Township is still interested in developing a new policy book. He will work on this soon.

Mr. Hoenig also advised the Supervisors that Diane Manning resigned from the Sahli Park Board. He publicly thanked her for all she has done there and said she was an extraordinary volunteer. He said that Pam Varga will stay with the Sahli Park Board. Manager Taylor said that Diane Manning will continue to be involved with Project Greensweep and with the McKinley School House.

Supervisor Bouril let those present know that he will not attend the September Board meetings

ADJOURNMENT/MEETING DATES

With nothing further to come before the Board, Chairman Bouril adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

The scheduled meeting dates for September, 2016 are: Agenda Meeting: Wednesday, September 14th at 8:30 a. m.; Regular Meeting: Wednesday, September 21st, at 7:30 p.m.

Secretary

Chairman