

**CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
of the
JUNE 21, 2017
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

The Chippewa Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly Regular Meeting on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. Present were Chairman Jim Bouril, Supervisor Nancy Lamey, Supervisor Mark Hoenig, Manager Mark Taylor, Solicitor George Verlihay, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Rich Bebout, Code Enforcement Officer Dawna Pella, and Administrative Assistant Cindy Clark.

Chairman Bouril called the meeting to order.

VISITORS

Chief Berchtold attended.

MINUTES

Chairman Bouril had the following minutes for review:

1. May 10, 2017 Board of Supervisors Agenda Meeting
2. May 17, 2017 Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting

There were no additions or corrections.

MR. HOENIG MOVED TO APPROVE the minutes of the May 10th and May 17th meetings as presented and with no further discussion the motion was seconded by Ms. Lamey and carried.

The Supervisors acknowledged the minutes of the following meetings:

1. April 17, 2017 Sanitary Authority Meeting
2. May 1, 2017 Recreation Board Meeting
3. May 9, 2017 Planning Commission Meeting

ITEMS TO BE ACTED ON

1. Donald Deem Lot Consolidation:

Manager Taylor said that this will consolidate two lots into one so the owner can try to sell the property located off of Gertrude. He said the engineer had no comments about this consolidation.

MS. LAMEY MOVED TO APPROVE the lot consolidation. Mr. Hoenig seconded the motion and with no further discussion the motion carried.

2. Expiration of Dennis Rousseau's 3-year term on the Property Maintenance Code Board of Appeals, June 17, 2017:

Manager Taylor said that Dennis Rousseau is very knowledgeable and that he recommends reappointing him to the Property Maintenance Code Board of Appeals for another 3-year term.

MR. HOENIG MOVED TO REAPPOINT Dennis Rousseau to a 3-year term on the Property Maintenance Code Board of Appeals. Ms. Lamey seconded the motion and with no further discussion the motion carried.

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 for discussion:

1. P.M.R.S. Retirement System:

Solicitor Verlihay is reviewing this. We will need to enact an ordinance through the Supervisors. Manager Taylor asked about a hearing but Solicitor Verlihay said that no hearing is required. Manager Taylor asked if this ordinance will be prepared by the time the Agenda meeting is held on July 12th, and Attorney Verlihay said that he will have it ready by then.

2. Right-of-way Revision with C.E.D:

Manager Taylor said that Attorney Verlihay and others worked on this. It extinguishes a right-of-way in the back and also takes away the right for those at municipal office events to park in their parking lot. It is acceptable to C.E.D. although it cannot be signed until C.E.D takes title. Attorney Verlihay said this should happen soon. A maintenance agreement will also be needed.

MS. LAMEY MOVED TO APPROVE the revision to the agreement as outlined above. Ms. Hoenig seconded the motion and with no further discussion the motion carried. This agreement will be signed when they take title.

3. Resolution #2017-8:

Manager Taylor said that we received a check for over \$15,000 from the Township's health care plan. Instead of putting this into the General Fund, the Township wants to create a new account for this and any other health care surplus. We want to keep this separate from the General Fund money.

MS. LAMEY MOVED TO PASS Resolution #2017-8. Mr. Hoenig seconded the motion and with no further discussion the motion carried.

4. Resolution #2017-9:

Manager Taylor explained that when one of the Township's bank accounts was set up with WesBanco, his name was omitted by mistake. He said passing this resolution will resolve this matter.

MR. HOENIG MOVED TO PASS Resolution #2017-9. Ms. Lamey seconded the motion and with no further discussion the motion carried.

5. A.E.D.s:

Rich Bebout said that the A.E.D. units that were ordered in the spring have now been distributed to the Administration Office, the Police Department, the Community Room and the Recreation Office.

6. Agreements with County D.A. Department:

It was noted that the District Attorney attended the Supervisors' meeting in May. The new anti-drug task force mutual aid agreement has been amended. The officers' pay won't go through the Township's payroll process and there is no need for extra insurance for the officer. The second agreement is for Tactical Response. Manager Taylor said that Attorney Verlihay and Chief Berchtold agree with signing both mutual aid agreements.

MS. LAMEY MOVED TO SIGN the mutual aid agreements. Mr. Hoenig seconded the motion and with no further discussion the motion carried.

7. Q.R.S. First Responder Vehicle:

Manager Taylor and Supervisor Hoenig have met with the new president of the Fire Department. Some of their vehicles need work. Manager Taylor said that the Township's Police Department has a vehicle rotation system to keep their vehicles in good working order. He has met with Fire Department personnel and came up with some ideas to assist the Fire Department in also developing a vehicle rotation plan. The cost of a Ford Explorer, which is the type of vehicle the Police have, would be around \$27,521. The Fire Department has agreed to pay for the extras, such as cabinetry, light bars, etc. He explained that the Township would pay for a vehicle up front. The Fire Department would put \$6000 a year into an escrow account. A vehicle would last for 10 years. It would serve as a Q.R.S. vehicle for 5 years and then would be used as a Chief's vehicle for 5 years. The Township would pay for the first vehicle and they would be banking their money for the next vehicle. The Fire Department voted for this plan. They agreed with setting this up.

MR. HOENIG MOVED TO PROCEED with the Fire Department vehicle rotation plan agreement as outlined by the Manager. Ms. Lamey seconded the motion and without further discussion, the motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Chairman Bouril had the May 2017 bills for review

MS. LAMEY MOVED TO APPROVE payment of the May 2017 bills. Mr. Hoenig seconded the motion and with no further discussion the motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S BUSINESS

Attorney Verlihay said he received a call from an attorney in Allegheny County regarding a house in Chippewa that the buyers feel was misrepresented during the sale of the home. He is representing the buyers. He has filed suit against the sellers. The attorney asked Solicitor Verlihay if the Township would refund the realty transfer tax if the agreement is rescinded or if a settlement is reached. The attorney asked Solicitor Verlihay what the Township would do in this situation but he said in nearly 40 years he does not recall a situation such as this. Solicitor Verlihay said that he does not see a problem with refunding the portion of the transfer tax that the Township collected. The school district will do the same. There were a few questions from the Supervisors.

MR. HOENIG MOVED TO REFUND the transfer tax that was paid to the Township on the transaction in the case of it being rescinded. Ms. Lamey seconded the motion and with no further discussion the motion carried.

SUPERVISORS' BUSINESS

Ms. Lamey attended a ball game and commented that the park is nice.

MANAGER'S MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Manager Taylor is researching what to do with the roof of the McKinley School because it has been leaking. He said although the slate was repaired more than once in the past, it continues to leak. He is looking into prices of a roofing material that looks like slate but is actually plastic. It could be around \$18,000 but he is not sure how a plastic substance would work on an unheated building. Additional research will be done. The newspaper has contacted Manager Taylor about doing an article about the school needing a new roof.

ADJOURNMENT/MEETING DATES

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

The scheduled meeting dates for July are: Agenda meeting: Wednesday, July 12th at 8:30 a.m.; Regular Meeting: Wednesday, July 19th at 7:30 p.m.

Secretary

Chairman

