

**CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
of the
MARCH 14, 2018
AGENDA MEETING**

The Chippewa Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly Agenda Meeting at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday March 14, 2018. Present were Chairman Jim Bouril, Supervisor Nancy Lamey, Supervisor Mark Hoenig, Manager Mark Taylor, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Rich Bebout, Code Enforcement Officer Dawna Pella and Administrative Assistant Cindy Clark.

Chairman Bouril brought the meeting to order.

VISITORS

There were no visitors.

MANAGER

Township Manager Mark Taylor had the following items for discussion or action:

1. **RFP for Energy Saving Consultants:**

Manager Taylor said a Request for Proposal was put in the newspaper according to Act 39. The Township would like to update the municipal building's heating and cooling system and this would be to study our system. We have had problems with it and recently another problem occurred. If the system is not updated, the next repair to the present system will cost about \$3000. He said that House Bill 687 allows the Township to bring in a consultant to look at the possible savings over a 20-year time span. If we can pay off the improvements over a 20-year period then we can go through a different process as far as bidding is concerned. He said that he received several calls from companies, but Engie is the only company who submitted anything to the Township. Engie submitted a 12-page Statement of Qualifications packet to Chippewa that Manager Taylor forwarded to the Supervisors to read. He said Reno Brothers is a part of Engie and Reno maintains our present heating and cooling system. The Manager said that he would recommend going with Engie as the qualified consultant and he would need the Supervisors' approval to hire them.

MR. HOENIG MOVED TO HIRE Engie as consultant for energy savings for the Township. Ms. Lamey seconded the motion and with no further discussion the motion carried.

2. Electric/Gas Rate Contract:

Rich Bebout had supplied the Manager and the Supervisors with a memo regarding energy services. In it, he explained that we have 27 accounts with Penn Power and that the 3 biggest accounts are under a fixed contract rate that ended in March of 2018 with supplier Direct Energy. The other 24 accounts are under a variable rate as high as .2453/kwh. An analysis was conducted with Premier Solutions. Lumping the accounts under a 45-month fixed contract rate with MidAmerican Energy could generate a cost savings of \$12,000+ over the life of the contract.

Rich had also provided a memo regarding gas services. He relayed that the Township currently has 8 accounts with Columbia Gas. He said an analysis with Premier Solutions was conducted and a new rate will generate a cost savings of \$14,100 over the life of that contract.

3. CD/Bank Account and Credit Card Changes:

Rich provided a third memo to the Manager and Supervisors regarding CD, credit card and liquid deposit accounts. He typed an outline regarding FNB Bank, WesBanco and PNC. He went over the outline and explained the changes to those at the meeting. He listed the total increase in interest for 2018 as \$21,000.

Manager Taylor told the Supervisors that at next week's meeting there will be legislation to move the fire department account to WesBanco. This will add to the \$21,000 figure listed above. The Manager spoke about the present heating and cooling system here in the Township building. He thanked Rich Bebout and Beth Popik for the work they did in order to save the Township money.

4. Active Shooter Training:

Chief Berchtold provided a memo regarding training classes. An Active Shooter Instructor's Course will be hosted by the Beaver Falls Police and will be held at the Northwestern Elementary School on April 10th, 11th, and 12th. Part-time officers Deyber and Richman from the Township will attend. Manager Taylor said that Officer Lutton will have taser training. He said after this training, the Township will not have to rely on other departments for training. He commended the three officers for taking this training. The Manager said that on June 6th, Active Shooter Training will be hosted by the Chippewa Township Police Department at Blackhawk High School. All police departments in the Blackhawk School District will be invited and it will be mandatory for the Chippewa Police Officers to be in attendance. Information on this will appear in our spring newsletter.

5. **ECS & R Home Hazardous Waste Collection:**

Manager Taylor had provided information on the ECS & R Home Hazardous Waste Collection program to the Supervisors prior to the meeting. This is similar to the event held in the county. This will be manned by ECS & R and will not require Chippewa employees. He would like to hold it at the park on June 16th. He spoke to Holly at the County and she said they are very reputable. If it is advertised we could possibly be eligible for reimbursement for the advertising. If no reimbursement funds are available, Manager Taylor said that an announcement/notice instead of a paid ad could be placed in the newspaper because there is no cost to do that. He said that the event could also be announced and information about it could be placed on the Chippewa Township web site.

MR. HOENIG MOVED TO ALLOW THE MANAGER TO PROCEED with the plans for the ECS & R Home Hazardous Waste Collection event. Ms. Lamey seconded the motion and with no further discussion the motion carried.

6. **DEP 902 Grant:**

Manager Taylor said that he and Dawna Pella are working on a grant. The grant that they are applying for is for a new chipper and a new truck. We could get up to 100% of the cost of a new chipper and up to 35% of the cost of a new truck. The ad regarding this has already been run in the newspaper.

ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to come before the Board, the Agenda Meeting was adjourned at 8:58 a.m.

Secretary

Chairman