

**CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
of the
OCTOBER 9, 2019
AGENDA MEETING**

The Chippewa Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly Agenda Meeting at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 9, 2019. 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.

VISITORS

Chief Berchtold, Assistant Chief Eric Hermick, Eric Chaffee, Chuck Wissner and Richard Hanson attended. Mr. Hanson said he doesn't work for Verizon but works for all of the carriers. He said there are complaints about Verizon wireless coverage getting worse in this area. He said they have been working on this for a couple of years and are trying to deal with this issue. At this time, they are working with Beaver Falls Municipal (Water) Authority. He said one of the issues with Chippewa is the location of the airport. The only place to put a cell tower is where the current water tank is, so they can't do anything until the Water Authority decides what they are going to do about building a new water tank. He said they plan to all work together on this. Manager Taylor talked about the nature park area. He said there is a possibility of placing the cell tower on a new water tank. Mr. Hanson said that one can't be placed on the current tank because two other carriers have already placed towers there. He said they could work with the Water Authority about placing antennas on a new tank, but at this time they are waiting for the Water Authority to make a decision.

MANAGER

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

1. Garbage Exemption Request:

Manager Taylor had given the Supervisors two garbage exemption request letters to go over before the regular monthly meeting.

2. Copies of Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO):

Manager Taylor gave copies of the MMO to the Supervisors. He said that this continues to go down as the stock market does well.

3. Laserfiche Installation and Training:

Manager Taylor said that several of the Township employees were trained on the Laserfiche filing system recently. He provided copies of their training certificates to the Supervisors. Those receiving the training on the system so far are Eileen Keenan, Rich Bebout, Dawna Pella and Manager Taylor.

4. Chippewa Trails Housing Development:

Manager Taylor said that the developers are requesting approval for the Chippewa Trails Housing Development for the third time because the plans have been revised again. He said they are increasing the number of units again.

5. Bowser Chevrolet Land Development:

Bowser Chevrolet officially submitted plans to the Manager for the Township to review on Monday. They will build behind Bowser Hyundai. Manager Taylor will review the plans and also review the zoning change requested for the back side of the property.

6. Police Department Report:

Assistant Chief Hermick updated the Supervisors on recent police activities, including a grant awarded for 2 breath test devices, a middle school walk-a-thon, a child passenger seat program, Safety Day at Home Depot, range training, a teen seat belt event, an aggressive driving program, and an active shooter training session. He also listed some September and year-to-date statistics. He added that he plans to discuss some proposed ordinances with the solicitor.

7. Street Department Report:

Eric Chaffee listed roads that have been prepped, oiled and chipped this year: Braden School Road, James, White Tail, Thorndale, Center, Chippewa, Grimm, Delmont, Turnpike, Ridge and Orchard. He said they turned out well. The street sweeper was put back together and the streets were swept. He said they are starting work on some Darlington Road catch basins.

8. Code Enforcement Department Report:

Dawna Pella said that she received Laserfiche training. She said the 109 Taylor appeal was continued until December 4th. She said she is submitting a proposal to teach a class at the convention next year on code enforcement. She was approached to do this and had to submit a proposal. This will be decided in December. She said that she may get her son involved when she teaches this class because he has some knowledge about drone technology. She said she finished the DEP recycling report in September. She is researching funding from Shell. She added that the Township is eligible to apply for more funds from another DEP recycling grant.

9. Recreation Department Report:

Chuck Wissner gave the Supervisors an update of what is going on at the parks. He said at the end of baseball season work will be done by BAYBA/Vance's to increase the size of the infield. The field fencing will not be changed. BAYBA is also continuing to look into getting lights at Bowser Field and Manager Taylor will meet with them about this tomorrow. The Wright Fields ramp is almost finished and when it is complete it will be handicapped accessible. On January 25, 2020, another Murder Mystery night will be held at the park. Tickets for it are already sold out, so another one may be held in February. He said exercise classes may be held at the park in the future. Mr. Hoenig said funding for a playground may be possible from Shell. Mr. Wissner said on Saturdays there can be roughly 2000 people at the park fields. The Kids' Octoberfest will be held on October 19th.

SUPERVISORS' BUSINESS

The Supervisors went into Executive Session at 9:05 to discuss negotiations with the police.

Executive Session ended at 10:10 a.m. The Supervisors went back into regular session.

ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to come before the Board, Chairman Jim Bouril adjourned the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Secretary

Chairman

