

**CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES
APRIL 17, 2019**

The Chippewa Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly Regular Meeting on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. Present were Chairman 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, Lois Mennell and Lee Vega attended.

Ms. Mennell said that she has been working with Code Enforcement Officer Dawna Pella regarding the properties beside the property she owns located at 2635 Darlington Road. She said neither of the properties near hers is kept up and she asked Ms. Pella what progress is being made regarding cleaning up these properties. Both the Manager and Code Enforcement Officer updated Ms. Mennell on their contacts. It was noted that some contacts were in person, and others by violation letters. They are going to try to set up a site inspection on one of the properties to get a better look at what is going on. Ms. Mennell was told that one of the property owners is going to be working with Champion Life Church to get the property cleaned up. The Manager will monitor this while the Code Enforcement Officer will continue with her citation process. Mr. Taylor explained that one of the home owners has cut the grass. The owner would like to tear down the home but cannot because there is a loan on the home. The home owner said he will maintain the property the best he can but he also told Manager Taylor that he (the property owner) did not put everything in the yard that is there. Ms. Mennell said that people have been throwing things into an old swimming pool located on one of the properties. Ms. Pella said they will look at these properties following the Easter holiday and if there is no progress, more pressure will be applied. Ms. Mennell had additional questions and the current situation was explained further by Ms. Pella and the Manager. Ms. Mennell was also told that she was welcome to visit the Municipal Offices during regular business hours to see the paperwork on the properties.

Lee Vega introduced herself by saying that she is a resident of Chippewa Township and a realtor who lives, works and worships in Chippewa. She said she loves the new Chippewa Life Magazine that replaced the newsletter and she added that she hopes to be able to attend meetings more often to stay abreast of what is happening in the Township. Ms. Vega was asked by her clients what new business is going where the Buy N Fly was demolished. Manager Taylor told her there is presently a "For Lease" sign there so nothing is being built there at the moment. Clients have asked her zoning and other questions about business locations. There was further discussion with Manager Taylor, Chairman Bouril and Supervisor Hoenig. After the discussions, Ms. Vega was thanked for attending the meeting.

MINUTES

Chairman Bouril had the following minutes for review:

1. March 13, 2019 Supervisors' Agenda Meeting.
2. March 20, 2019 Supervisors' Regular Monthly Meeting

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

The Supervisors acknowledged the minutes of the following meetings:

1. March 4, 2019 Recreation Board Meeting
2. February 12, 2019 Planning Commission Meeting
3. February 18, 2019 Sanitary Authority Meeting

The March Planning Commission meeting was cancelled.

ITEMS TO BE ACTED ON

None.

REPORTS

Chairman Bouril had the following March reports for review:

1. Financial
2. Police
3. Road
4. WageTax/OPT Report
5. Read Estate Tax
6. Zoning
7. Code Enforcement
8. Fire

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Mark Taylor had the following items for discussion:

1. COG Spring Materials Contracts:

Manager Taylor said that he wanted to provide the Supervisors with a list from COG regarding springtime commodities. He said that we don't sign every one of the contracts as there are certain items we don't use. He said we will utilize 5 or 6 of these contracts. He said that he wants the Supervisors to have an idea what the Township is spending on materials.

2. 2018 (IPMC) International Property Maintenance Code:

Manager Taylor said that Code Enforcement Officer Dawna Pella came to him regarding the code. He asked Ms. Pella to speak at this time. She said that the success of your job depends on the ordinances and laws you have behind you. She said that she has had success with the present ordinance and she has had no major problems with it but she also added that things such as residents wanting to own chickens have come up in recent years. She said we are using the 2000 edition and said the Supervisors may want to look into reviewing and possibly updating it. Solicitor Verlihay explained how this update would be done.

3. ALPR Camera Network Update:

Manager Taylor said that he attended a presentation regarding the ALPR (Automatic License Plate Reader) system. He said that Beaver has this camera network and he got to observe how the system works. He said an unbelievable number of crimes, including a bank robbery and child-luring case were solved by police when utilizing these cameras. The cameras focus on vehicles and license plates and are placed in strategic intersections in various communities. He described how the system works. They would like to see a network throughout Beaver County. He feels that installing the system in our Township would not only benefit our local police department, but it would also make Chippewa a safer place. He said this could help our police solve theft cases at our local stores. He talked about the locations of cameras in other communities. He said the cost for Chippewa, the locations for cameras in our Township, along with other things would have to be determined before proceeding with installing the system here.

4. Candice Frantz - Letter of Interest for Recreation Board:

Manager Taylor said that Candice Frantz provided a letter of interest requesting to be on our Recreation Board. Copies of that letter were sent to the Supervisors prior to the meeting. The Manager said that he would recommend her.

MR. HOENIG MOVED TO APPOINT Candice Frantz to the Recreation Board. Ms. Lamey seconded the motion and with no further discussion the motion carried.

5. Cooperation from Blackhawk High School to Purchase Gear:

Manager Taylor said that our Assistant Chief has been working with the schools to provide education, training and exercises pertaining to threats or incidents in our community. Equipment is needed to provide this and our police department has been borrowing training equipment from other police agencies. Purchasing this equipment would cost approximately \$4,670.00. Assistant Chief Hermick contacted the Blackhawk School District Superintendent to ask if the School District/ School Board would be willing to fund half of this amount. The request has been approved.

6. Facilities Tour with the Board of Supervisors:

A tour of the Township facilities with the Supervisors was set for 9:30 a.m. on Monday, April 22.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Chairman Bouril had the March 2019 bills for review.

MR. HOENIG MOVED TO APPROVE payment of the March 2019 bills. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lamey and carried unanimously.

SOLICITOR'S BUSINESS

None.

SUPERVISORS' BUSINESS

None.

MISCELLANEOUS

Ms. Mennell had further questions for the Code Enforcement Officer pertaining to chickens around her son's home. She was told that chickens are permitted in agricultural areas but not in residential areas. Ms. Mennell had additional questions and comments about free-range chickens vs. penned chickens and was told that an address would need to be furnished in order to determine the zoning in a particular area. Ms. Pella said that there is a zoning map on the wall in the Municipal Building.

ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to come before the Board, Mr. Bouril adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.
The scheduled meeting dates for May are: Agenda Meeting: 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 8th;
Regular Meeting: 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15th.

Secretary

Chairman