

**CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES  
of the  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2019  
AGENDA MEETING**

The Chippewa Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly Agenda Meeting at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 11, 2019. Present were 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 Jim Bouril did not attend.

Vice Chairperson Nancy Lamey brought the meeting to order.

**VISITORS**

Chief Berchtold, Assistant Chief Eric Hermick and Chuck Wissner attended.

**MANAGER**

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

1. First Energy Right-of-Way Request:

Manager Taylor explained that First Energy is seeking a right-of-way from the Township and other property owners because they want to make upgrades to their transmission station. A First Energy rep has spoken to Mr. Taylor and provided a drawing of the proposal. Manager Taylor had forwarded copies of this drawing to the Supervisors prior to the meeting. The Manager said that he posed several questions, not only for the Township, but on behalf of the other property owners who would be affected. He said he would be willing to allow a meeting on this to take place at the Township building. He said his first inclination would be to decline but he has further research to do on the matter. He said he is not sure what options the Township has. He is concerned about future restrictions. The Manager will keep the Supervisors advised on this matter.

2. PennDOT Customer Complaint Update:

Manager Taylor said he had the street department check on this because it was a dangerous situation. He updated the Supervisors on this situation that deals with intersection road markings and signage. He said he is getting a company lined up to do this.

3. Budget Meetings Update:

Manager Taylor said that he has already been meeting with the department heads and has been gathering information. He, Rich Bebout and Beth Popik will be putting together a proposed budget. It will be presented to the Supervisors shortly. Meetings with the Supervisors will be held in the near future. He said the budget is getting tighter.

4. Education Request for the Township Manager:

The Manager provided the Supervisors with a list of regional fall forums he would like to attend.

**MR. HOENIG MOVED TO APPROVE** of the Manager attending the forums indicated on the sheets. Ms. Lamey seconded the motion and with no further discussion the motion carried.

5. Department Reports:

A. Police:

Assistant Chief Hermick said there were 115 arrests last month. Eight additional crimes were solved due to the new cameras. He listed the upcoming police events: 9/12: Intruder Drill & Child Passenger Safety Training; 9/18: Unknown Risk Traffic Stops/Simuniton Training; 9/24: Safe School Coalition Meeting; 10/8: Pathway Church Security/Active Threat Training and Tactical Range Night Training; October 14<sup>th</sup> through 26<sup>th</sup>: Young Drivers; 10/30: Sobriety Checkpoint Training; November 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>: School Violence Training/School Survival. Mr. Hoenig had some questions regarding the new camera system and surrounding communities.

B. Street:

Manager Taylor said that Eric Chaffee was not present at the meeting this morning because he was out working. He will provide a list of streets they are working on.

C. Code Enforcement:

Code Enforcement Officer Dawna Pella said she will be working on the State recycling grant.

D. Recreation:

Chuck Wissner updated the Supervisors on field usage. He said that the first year the Township fees were around \$10,000. Last year the fees were around \$18,000. He said based on the reservations already made for this year, the 2019 fee amount should be between \$25,000 and \$30,000. He added that last year around 25,000 people were there at various events. Another murder/mystery event will be held there in January. He said that they originally concentrated on having Chippewa/Blackhawk groups using the fields, but he said this year others, like the Beaver Falls Little Tigers, also used our fields. He said it worked out well. He added that a request to run our concession stand at the fields has recently been made by the lady who runs the concession stand for the Blackhawk Little Cougars. She would like to meet with the Supervisors. Manager Taylor said there is also talk of putting up lights over there. He added that the Township's original fee goal in the beginning was an average of \$20,000 per year for rentals. He said we not only met that benchmark earlier than expected, but we have surpassed it. The Manager said that he appreciates that Chuck does lots of work marketing the fields and the fact that Chuck has gotten some outside teams to come here. He thanked Chuck for his work at the fields.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Ms. Lamey adjourned the Agenda Meeting at 8:53 a.m.

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Secretary

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Chairman

