

**CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
of the
COMBINED AGENDA AND REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
JULY 14, 2021**

The Chippewa Township Board of Supervisors held a Combined Agenda and Regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 10 a.m. Present were Chairman Jim Bouril, Supervisor Nancy Lamey, Supervisor Dan Woodske, Manager Mark Taylor, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Rich Bebout, Code Enforcement Officer Dawna Pella, and Administrative Assistant Cindy Clark.

Solicitor George Verlihay was unable to attend.

Chairman Jim Bouril called the meeting to order.

VISITORS

Chief Eric Hermick attended.

MINUTES

Chairman Bouril had the following minutes for review:

1. The minutes of the June 9, 2021 Agenda Meeting.
2. The minutes of the June 16, 2021 Regular Meeting.

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

Minutes to be acknowledged:

1. No Recreation minutes, Sanitary Authority minutes, or Planning Commission minutes were submitted this month.

ITEMS TO BE ACTED ON

The following item was presented by Township Manager Mark Taylor for action:

1. ModWash Land Development and Subdivision Plan:

Manager Taylor said that last night the Planning Commission recommended approval of the ModWash Land Development and Subdivision Plan. The final paperwork was provided to the Supervisors.

MS. LAMEY MOVED TO APPROVE the ModWash Land Development and Subdivision Plan. Mr. Woodske seconded the motion and with no further discussion the motion carried. The hope is that it will be done before winter.

REPORTS

Chairman Bouril had the following June reports for review:

1. Financial Report
2. Police Department
3. Road Department
4. Wage Tax/OPT Report
5. Real Estate Tax Report
6. Zoning Report
7. Code Enforcement Officer's Report
8. Fire Department Report

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Taylor had the following items listed on the agenda for discussion:

1. Radar Speed Enforcement Legislation:

Supervisor Woodske had previously asked about radar speed enforcement legislation so Manager Taylor provided information on this. He said it appears that this will happen so our Chief is preparing for this. Our officers will have to be certified and trained, and our equipment will have to be calibrated.

2. American Rescue Funds:

Manager Taylor said that the Township will receive \$395,649.62 in American Rescue Funds in July and they are still deciding what the Township will use this for. We will also get approximately that amount in July of 2022.

3. Letter of Intent for Fire and Rescue:

Manager Taylor said that he put this together and will keep in touch via e-mail. He wanted to provide the Supervisors with this information.

4. Pam Varga Request to Compensate Bob Weir:

Pam Varga had spoken to Manager Taylor and to Rich Bebout about the possibility of compensating Bob Weir. She was asked to put her request in writing. She said that Bob Weir works hard, uses his own vehicle, equipment, and tools, and added that he is a master gardener. He also cleans the trails. She asked that he be paid \$300 per month as a paid volunteer. Manager Taylor said that he would be in favor of paying Mr. Weir this amount, but it is not up to him to make this decision.

MS. LAMEY MOVED TO APPROVE monthly payments to Bob Weir as a volunteer. Mr. Woodske seconded the motion and with no further discussion, the motion carried.

5. Stephanie Elick – Letter of Resignation:

Stephanie Elick has submitted her letter of resignation as Administrative Assistant/Receptionist. Manager Taylor said that she had been retired for a while before accepting the position here, and did not resign due to anything or anyone here at the Township. He said we will be looking for a new employee for that position for the third time this year. He said that he will try Indeed.com this time. If he finds no one, he may shut down the office for an hour each day for lunch or try other options. He said that Eileen Keenan may have to work out front, but added that this makes it more difficult to do her own job. He said he is looking for ways to make things work out if a third person is not found. He said this may make more work for others, but someone has to be out front in the reception area.

6. Courtney Colaizzi – Resignation:

Manager Taylor said that Social Media Specialist Courtney Colaizzi also resigned. She accepted a full-time job with the County. He spoke with Recreation Director Lauren Doyle, who will add the social media position to her duties. He said she will be paid what Courtney was paid and we will try this to see if it works.

MANAGER'S MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Manager Taylor said that he had a meeting yesterday with Columbia Gas. He said that they are planning to tear up many of the Township streets. He named several of the areas where the streets will be torn up during their projects. Manager Taylor contacted KLH engineers and they indicated that they have a great ordinance regarding repair of the roads. He said that he understands that Columbia Gas and other groups have work to do, but some roads were just finished and now they will be torn up again. He has already spoken to Solicitor Verlihay about this subject. Manager Taylor asked for permission from the Supervisors to amend our road-cutting ordinance.

MR. WOODSKE MOVED TO GRANT PERMISSION to Manager Mark Taylor to amend our road-cutting ordinance. Ms. Lamey seconded the motion, and with no further discussion the motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

The following department reports were presented during the Combined Agenda/Regular Meeting this month:

A. Police:

Chief Hermick said that the body cams and dash cams were delivered Monday. Software is coming. There was a power seat recall regarding the Ford, so we are down two vehicles at the present time.

Later in the meeting, Chief Hermick added that we are hosting De-escalation Training at Highland Middle School on July 20th, 21st, and 22nd.

B. Street:

It was noted that Eric Chaffee is off today.

C. Recreation:

Community Day took place on July 10th with a thousand people attending. There was a good band. More food trucks and an additional band may be added next year.

D. Code Enforcement:

Mr. Woodske asked Ms. Pella about a large sign and an appeal and he was told that the sign is down and she is waiting to hear from Solicitor Verlihay.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Chairman Bouril had the June 2021 bills for review.

MR. WOODSKE MOVED TO PAY the bills. Ms. Lamey seconded the motion and with no further discussion the motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S BUSINESS

Attorney Verlihay was not present, due to a hearing.

SUPERVISORS' BUSINESS

Mr. Woodske spoke about a PennDot fund for automated red light enforcement (ARLE) and said there is a reimbursement program, but it takes a long time to apply for this. He said he has heard complaints about the lights. He said he is willing to do research on this. Manager Taylor said he has also had complaints about this. There was some discussion about the red lights in the Township.

ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to come before the Board, Chairman Bouril adjourned the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

MEETING SCHEDULE

The August meetings are scheduled as follows: Agenda Meeting: Wednesday, August 11th, at 10 a.m.; Regular Meeting: Wednesday, August 18th at 6:30 p.m.

Secretary

Chairman