

**CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES  
of the  
FEBRUARY 9, 2022  
AGENDA MEETING**

The Chippewa Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly Agenda Meeting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, February 9, 2022. Present were Supervisor Dan Woodske, Supervisor Bryan Wright, Manager Mark Taylor, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Rich Bebout, Code Enforcement Officer Dawna Pella, and Administrative Assistant Cindy Clark. Chairman Bouril did not attend.

Vice Chairman Dan Woodske brought the meeting to order.

**VISITORS**

Police Chief Hermick, Ken Meverden of the Sanitary Authority, Recreation Director Lauren Doyle, and Jon Denman of Edward Jones Investments attended. There were no comments from the visitors at this time.

**MANAGER**

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

1. Approval to Hire Part-time Police Officer (Chief Hermick):

There was discussion about part-time police officers in Chippewa leaving the Township to take full-time jobs elsewhere, for more money and for the benefits offered. Chief Hermick asked for permission to hire two replacements. Information regarding this situation had been provided prior to the meeting. Chief Hermick said that the Township does not go through the same process when hiring a part-time officer as they do when hiring a full-time officer. He said that Dan Phillips who graduated from the police academy in December, has been riding and training for two weeks and he recommends hiring him.

**MR. WRIGHT MOVED TO HIRE** Officer Dan Phillips in a part-time capacity. Mr. Woodske seconded the motion and with no further discussion the motion carried.

2. Proposals for New Website:

Manager Taylor said that Recreation Director Lauren Doyle made a list of key features that the Township would expect regarding a new website. This list of the features for the creation and maintenance of a website was provided to the Supervisors prior to the meeting. Meetings were held, but no quotes have been submitted to the Township yet. Another meeting is planned. The Manager said that he hopes that he will have quotes to share with the Supervisors at next week's meeting.

3. Fire and Rescue Study Update:

Manager Taylor said that there are only two communities involved with the Fire and Rescue Study now and without others this cannot move forward. He expressed appreciation that our Fire Department has already provided the needed information. He said he will send a friendly reminder to the others.

4. ARP Final Rule Summary from PSATS:

Manager Taylor provided the Supervisors with the 13-page summary of the final American Rescue Plan ruling. This summary addresses money being distributed to communities due to the economic impact of COVID-19 and what types of things the funds can be used for. Webinars regarding these funds have been held with he and Rich Bebout attending. The Township's portion of this is \$791,000 and we have received half so far. Stadium lights were purchased with some of these funds. Manager Taylor said that he would like direction from the Supervisors regarding the spending of this money.

5. Chippewa Trails Lot Revision No. 4:

and

6. Chippewa Trails Lot Revision No. 5:

Manager Taylor said that there will continue to be revisions as the units at Chippewa Trails are sold. The sales of the units are going well. He said that both Revision No. 4 and Revision No. 5 can be voted on at next week's Regular Meeting. The Planning Commission has recommended approval of both revisions.

7. Kerr Plan of Lot Revision:

The Manager explained that this is a consolidation of four lots into two lots, and can be handled next week. The Planning Commission recommends approval.

8. Harper Minor Subdivision:

Manager Taylor said that this is a consolidation of lots into one. It, too, can be handled at next week's meeting. The Planning Commission has recommended approval of this.

9. Department Reports:

A. Police:

Chief Hermick said that the monthly Police Department Report has been modified and added that he will address any questions that the Supervisors may have about the summary of police activities. He also thanked the local road crew for the good work they did during the recent storm.

B. Street

Road Foreman Eric Chaffee said that the new hire is working out well, but it will still take time to become familiar with the streets. He said they are doing well with the salt supply. Mr. Woodske also complimented the crew.

C. Recreation:

Lauren Doyle updated the Supervisors on recent park activities and said surveys were completed. She said that two murder/mystery dinner nights are sold out. She has submitted a grant application for \$40,000 for an outdoor fitness facility at Wright Fields. The Manager added that this grant is non-binding and does not have to be accepted if there is too much red tape involved.

D. Code Enforcement:

Code Enforcement Officer Dawna Pella said that her regular workload has lessened due to the weather, but she is now working on the annual recycling grant that enables the Township to receive reimbursement based on tonnage. She is compiling this information. She explained that she has gotten aggressive with businesses regarding the recycling issue. She and Manager Taylor keep the businesses educated and make sure that they do their reporting. They added that the \$20,000 to \$30,000 that the Township receives each year can be used to purchase bins and other items having to do with recycling. The money received must be put back into the recycling program.

E. Sanitary Authority

Ken Meverden of the Sanitary Authority had been asked to attend the Supervisors' meetings. This was his first meeting and he distributed printouts regarding over 20 projects. He said they are prioritizing what they want to get accomplished. He went over items on the printout, giving explanations regarding some of the time frames, grants, bonds, cost increases, pump stations, line extension plans, housing developments, etc. He added that the Sanitary Authority is very pleased with the work that Pacer did with their website. He said he welcomes questions and will keep the Supervisors updated. He was thanked for attending.

**SUPERVISORS' BUSINESS**

None.

With nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

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Secretary

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Chairman

