

**CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
of the
JUNE 8, 2022
AGENDA MEETING**

The Chippewa Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly Agenda Meeting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday June 8, 2022. Present were Chairman Jim Bouril, Supervisor Bryan Wright, Supervisor Dan Woodske, Manager Mark Taylor, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Rich Bebout, Code Enforcement Officer Dawna Pella, and Administrative Assistant Cindy Clark.

Chairman Bouril brought the meeting to order.

VISITORS

Chief Hermick, Beth Popik, Lauren Doyle, and Eric Chaffee were present.

MANAGER

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

1. Chippewa Trails Amendments 8, 9, & 10:

Manager Taylor had provided copies of letters and maps regarding these amendments to the Supervisors prior to the meeting. He said they are duplexes. Planning Commission will meet regarding these next Tuesday. He said that these will all be ready for approval at next week's meeting.

2. Request to Order a New Street Department Truck:

The Manager had provided information/quotes from Hunter Truck Sales, Stevenson Equipment, and U. S. Municipal to the Supervisors. He said according to the schedule, the Township is up for a new truck next year, but he added that if a new truck is ordered now, there is a possibility that the Township will not receive it until 2024.

MR. WOODSKE MOVED TO APPROVE the purchase of a new street department truck. Mr. Wright seconded the motion, and with no further discussion, the motion carried.

3. Quote to Repair Drains at the Fire Station:

Manager Taylor explained that the drains inside the Fire building have not been working properly. The firemen have tried to fix this with the fire hose, but that did not solve the clogging problem. He said that they are small drains that are clogging and they are not suitable for that type of building. He received a quote from Frederick & Son Contracting and said that he could get additional quotes if asked. He explained how Frederick & Son would address this problem. This would cost about \$12,000 and would not have to be bid.

MR. WRIGHT MOVED TO APPROVE repair of the drains at the Fire Station. Mr. Woodske seconded the motion and with no further discussion, the motion carried.

4. Garbage Exemption Request:

J. J. Tougher of 103 Fairview Street is asking for a trash exemption because he is paying to have a dumpster at the family business called Donohue Railroad Equipment. His request had been forwarded to the Supervisors prior to the meeting. This will be handled at next week's meeting. Supervisor Woodske had some questions and Manager Taylor explained that we now send trash exemption renewal forms to all those on the exemption list on an annual basis.

5. Refuse and Recycling Contract:

Manager Taylor explained that the Solicitor can be directed to prepare bid documents or the Supervisors can make the decision to continue the trash hauling service that we presently have. He also asked for input regarding any contract changes that need to be done. He suggested addressing the cost of the receptacles in the contract because so many residents use them. This decision can be made at next Wednesday's meeting.

6. WiFi and Cameras at Veterans and Chippewa Parks;

Manager Taylor said that the subject of WiFi and cameras at the parks was brought up during the tour of the Township park facilities. He has been told that WiFi can be addressed simply and relatively inexpensively. He said that we presently work with three camera companies but he would prefer working with only one. He would also like to see license plate readers located at the park entrances. He said this would help the police determine if someone who shouldn't be around children is in one of our parks.

7. Update and Maintenance of Chippewa G. I. S.

The Manager said that software was purchased for Eileen and Dawna to use. He said the GIS needs to be updated as things change, different developments are built, etc. Our website GIS is outdated. He said that many employees who worked on our system moved or went to other companies and it is now a struggle to get maintenance. He has reached out to Craig Baker of Larson Design Group. He will meet with them next week and ask for a proposal for maintenance. When asked, Manager Taylor responded that he uses our GIS frequently, as do residents and surveyors.

8. Department Reports:

A. Police:

Chief Hermick said that he submitted a monthly police department report along with a summary of police activities. He asked for permission to discuss drafting an ordinance regarding disruptive behavior and unreasonable noise with Solicitor Shannon Steele. He said this would be easier that going through a State statute and the Township would receive the fines.

MR. WOODSKE MOVED TO APPROVE OF Chief Hermick working in conjunction with the Solicitor to draft an ordinance regarding disruptive behavior and unreasonable noise. Mr. Wright seconded the motion, and with no further discussion, the motion carried.

B. Street:

Eric Chaffee submitted a report covering the road activities.

C. Recreation:

Lauren Doyle said that the tournaments went well, with high schoolers helping out. She said the Township brought in over \$12,000 from parking fees. Customer invoices totaled \$26,000. People were pleased with the facility and she hopes other bookings will come in for next year. She is getting quotes for a splash pad and playground enhancements. Manager Taylor added that there might be a donor for this. He needs sewer and water numbers on these proposed projects. Lauren said that summer camps and Knothole ball are starting and there was a proposal regarding naming the ball fields.

D. Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement Officer Dawna Pella said that she has begun receiving complaints about grass. She also updated the Supervisors on the status of a property at Park and Fineview whose owner resides in California. She explained that even if a fine is imposed, it is very difficult to handle a property complaint when the owner is on the other side of the country. She said if it is impossible to get the owner into court, the Township can hire the work done and put a lien on the property, but she hesitates to do this because she feels this trains the property owners to allow the Township to take care of their properties. She said that distance is definitely a problem when it comes to these types of situations. Manager Taylor had told her to proceed with fining instead of going through the lien process at this time. He said that grass cutting costs \$250.00

E. Sanitary Authority:

Ken Meverden was not present and there was no Sanitary Authority report at this time.

F. Finance:

Beth Popik said that she sent the vendors' list to Huntington Bank. She said she is finding out what can be paid by credit card and what has to be paid by check. She said it is taking time but they are getting there.

SUPERVISORS' BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to come before the Board, the agenda meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Secretary

Chairman