

Regular Meeting of the Crystal Lake Township Board

Meeting held at 1651 Frankfort Highway, Frankfort MI 49635

August 9, 2016

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Amy Ferris at 7 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance was made.

Roll Call: Ferris, May, Nielsen, Sullivan, and Trentham were present, constituting a quorum.

Agenda: Ferris moved that the agenda be approved; Trentham seconded: all ayes. Motion passed.

Conflicts of Interest: Ferris asked if there were any conflicts of interest; there were none.

Minutes: Ferris moved that the minutes of the July 12, 2016, Board meeting be approved; May seconded; all ayes. Motion passed.

Guests: No official guests.

“For the Good of the Community”: No report.

Correspondence: The County sent a letter asking if we were interested in having our own 911 system, but the consensus was that we were not interested.

County Commissioner’s Report: Commissioner Griner said the County was part of a statewide plan to network 911 systems for backup; he was pleased with the meeting of the Boards of Crystal Lake Township, City of Frankfort, and Benzie County to review the situation with the Airport; there is the possibility of funds becoming available for the road to Pt. Betsie; the State Police are interested in working with the County to find possible alternatives to the current Medical Examiner services; although still waiting for a final fire inspection report about the roof of the Maples, the County anticipates a positive decision; and there will be a very exciting canoe race on the AuSable River.

Public Comment: None.

Clerk:

- Sullivan moved that the outstanding bills be approved for payment; Trentham seconded; all ayes. Motion passed.
- Sullivan reported that the Election Workers did an excellent job during the election and were able to wrap up the final reporting process before 10:00 p.m.; special thanks to voter Vic Lane, who voluntarily repaired the broken toilet on election day; additional lighting will be added to the side door exit stairway prior to the November election.

Financial Report by Treasurer:

- Trentham presented the current financial report. Trentham moved that the financial report be approved; Sullivan seconded; roll was called; all ayes. Motion passed.
- Based on the recommendation of the auditors, Trentham will now disperse incoming taxes every 15 days rather than allowing them to accrue interest.

Committee Reports:

• Airport Authority:

- Ferris reported that the meeting between the Township, Frankfort, and County was productive by clearing up several misconceptions;
- Sullivan moved that the Board accept the resignations of Bruce Harwood and Les Poggemeyer as the Township representatives on the Airport Board and express our collective thanks and appreciation for all their years of hard work and dedication; Ferris seconded; roll was called; all ayes. Motion passed.
- Ferry moved that Treasurer Trentham and Trustee May be appointed the Township's temporary representatives to the Airport Board and that Steve Kelly be appointed as an alternate; Sullivan seconded; roll was called; all ayes. Motion passed.

• Cemeteries:

- Ferris researched the purchase of plot markers to identify unmarked cemetery plots in both cemeteries and discovered that they would cost more than the \$3,000 she was previously approved to spend; therefore, Ferris moved that the Board authorize her to spend up to \$3,600 to purchase the necessary plot markers; Trentham seconded; roll was called; all ayes. Motion passed .

• Roads:

- Bruce Walton reported that the Road Commission is running about 3 weeks behind schedule and may not be able to get to all the roads they initially planned to fix; they have already used all the gravel they planned for; questions were raised about a possible gas leak near the "Devil's Elbow", a large hole on Bellows near Thomas, and a possible guardrail on the hill on Carlson.

• Zoning:

- The Zoning Administrator's report stated that there were 5 new zoning permits processed and that amendments to Zoning Ordinance Articles 3.3, 3.22, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, and 15 have been sent to the County for review and comment.
- There is increasing evidence of trailers and RVs being parked in driveways in violation of zoning ordinances.

Unfinished Business: After discussion, Board members confirmed that they approved a full 20 hours per month employment for the Deputy Clerk.

New Business:

- Ferris reported that she, together with a DNR staff person, investigated and confirmed reports of extensive garbage being left at the Outlet to Crystal Lake, people using a 2-track to drive directly onto Crystal Lake beach, and late night parties being held there; due to over-lapping jurisdictions, it will take a multi-agency approach to resolve the problems.
- There have been several reports of Eurasian Milfoil (Watermilfoil), a very invasive plant species, showing up along the Crystal Lake shoreline; residents are encouraged to pull it out by the roots as soon as possible.

Public Comment: The Michigan Waterways Commission will hold a meeting in Frankfort soon; more locations for appropriate public disposal of trash are needed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Sue Sullivan, Clerk, reporting.