

Regular Meeting of the Crystal Lake Township Board

Meeting held at 1651 Frankfort Highway, Frankfort MI 49635
November 15, 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; Nielsen 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 October 11, 2016, Board meeting be approved; Sullivan seconded; all ayes. Motion passed.

Guests: No official guests.

“For the Good of the Community”: None.

Correspondence: Patrick Quinlan wrote to request that his taxes be reduced and tax monies be spent to solve the problem of swimmers’ itch in Crystal Lake, perhaps by constructing a sewer system around the lake to treat sewage.

County Commissioner’s Report: Commissioner Griner reported on a memorable Veterans’ Day program that included letters of thanks from young people; the County Board of Commissioners received 600 petitions from a citizens’ group demanding the installation of new roof for the Maples; the Commissioners are still getting conflicting information about the sustainability of the existing roof; a new roof could take another 8 months to complete and cost another \$1 million, which could be raised through another millage next summer; he urged that local zoning regulations facilitate the sale of agricultural products; not only has newly elected state representative Curt VanderWall declared his support for promoting the skilled trades, and both local high schools have identified building trades, welding, and machinist courses as what they most need; and Commissioner Griner hopes to complete his new house by next summer.

Public Comment: Jed Jaworski reiterated his willingness to work together to resolve the blight allegations against him and protested what he felt were provocative reactions; Douglas Holmes said there was no constitutional authority for the zoning regulations; Ted White said he thought the zoning ordinance was too bureaucratic regarding solar issues; and Richard Bayer introduced himself as the new Airport Administrator and said he plans to attend most of the Township Board meetings.

Clerk:

- Sullivan moved that the outstanding bills be approved for payment; Trentham seconded; all ayes. Motion passed.
- Sullivan reported that about 76% of our over 1,000 township electors voted in the November 8th election and about 40% of those were absentees; she also expressed thanks for the hard work, efficiency and friendliness of the election team: Chairperson Judy VanMeter, Harold and Molly

Comer, Alice Farr, Kathy Fishburn, Evelyn Griffith, Mary Halliday, Joanne Herban, Joyce Kirshner, Darlyne Leete, Kathy Picklo, and Cathy Wilkinson.

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.

Committee Reports:

- **Airport Authority:**
 - Tammy May reported that the Airport Authority appreciated the hundreds of hours of work contributed by Leroy Reed and the new Airport Administrator will consider putting him on the payroll when he prepares a staffing plan; Trentham reported meeting with the consultant regarding easements and will get specific details later; Authority members expressed willingness to provide greater access for meetings, including holding them at the airport and periodically in the evening.
- **Blight:**
 - Ferris presented a draft update to the Blight Elimination Ordinance for review at a later date; she explained that action on the two blight-related court cases has been postponed until later in November and December.
- **Buildings & Grounds:** Ferris reported that AJ Excavating will continue under its 3-year contract to provide snow removal services and she has purchased new 2-line phones to improve telephone access.
- **Cemeteries:**
 - A small group of volunteers did an excellent job of cleaning up debris, but one of them knocked the door frame off the shed; Ferris will get an estimate for replacing the doors.
- **Planning Commission:** No report.
- **Roads:**
 - All township road repairs planned for 2016 have been completed and we expect to receive the bill soon; we have proposed Glory, Elm, Adams, Palcich and two others for 2017; most of Bellows is handled by the County; MDOT responded quickly when residents complained about issues on M-115.
- **Zoning:** See attached report.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- Ferris moved that the Board approve the attached list of Board meeting dates for 2017, as amended; Trentham seconded; all ayes. Motion passed.
- Ferris moved that Saturday, July 15, 2017, be approved as next year's township Clean-up Day; May seconded; all ayes. Motion passed.

Public Comment: The County removed a dilapidated house near the Outlet; J. Jaworski raised some additional complaints about the township's handling of his blight issues; Ferris apologized for any perceived negativity on her part and agreed that it would be best to work together

Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Sue Sullivan, Clerk, reporting.