

# Regular Meeting of the Crystal Lake Township Board

Meeting held at 1651 Frankfort Highway, Frankfort MI 49635  
September 13, 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 August 9, 2016, Board meeting be approved; Nielsen seconded; all ayes. Motion passed.

**Guests:** No official guests.

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

**Correspondence:** Bruce Olsen

**County Commissioner’s Report:** Commissioner Griner said the Under Sheriff and new Administrator were read to work with others improve conditions as the Outlet; the County budget was expected to be smaller this year due to the Headley Amendment, but they are hoping to get more revenue sharing and possible construction income; there is an opening on the Building Authority and they are waiting for a final report from DC regarding the opening of the Maples.

**Public Comment:** Jed Jaworski explained his difficulties resolving complaints about blight on his property and said he wanted a more reasonable approach before taking his case before a judge.

**Clerk:**

- Sullivan moved that the outstanding bills be approved for payment; Trentham seconded; all ayes. Motion passed.
- Sullivan reported that the Supreme Court had approved straight ticket voting for this election and that it looked like we will have a record number of absentee voters.

**Financial Report by Treasurer:**

- Trentham presented the current financial report. Trentham moved that the financial report be approved; May seconded; roll was called; all ayes. Motion passed.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Airport Authority:**
  - Trentham reported that a job description will be posted for the Airport Admin. Manager position; that this has been a good year for the sale of fuel; and that procedures are now available for handling complaints.

- **Blight:**
  - Ferris reported that citations have been filed with the court, but they have not heard from the judge; she suggested we take a look at updating our ordinance, possibly similar to Gilmore, but May said she believed Gilmore's was too restrictive; it was agreed to look at Gilmore's and discuss it at a later date.
- **Buildings & Grounds:**
  - A new, more effective faucet was installed in the restroom; two small trees will be planted in front of the building to replace foliage lost to road construction.
- **Cemeteries:**
  - Ferris reported that some tree trimming was done for fall; the large tree at the corner of Wayne's property and the cemetery is called the Tree of Heaven or Chinese Sumac and it is very invasive; perhaps we can get the State to cut it down because it is in the right of way.
- **Planning Commission:**
  - Ferris moved that Bill Herd be re-appointed to the Planning Commission; Trentham seconded; roll was called; all ayes. Motion passed.
  - Sullivan asked if the Board should be informed about the details of amendments before they are submitted to the County, but the consensus was that the Board's role was only to review amendments following public hearing.
- **Roads:**
  - Bruce Walton reported that the Road Commission was now ahead of schedule with repairs and expected to have things completed in the next two weeks; Ferris expressed appreciation for the good work and positive attitude of the Elmer's employees doing the repairs; it turns out that it would cost about \$20,000 to install a guard rail on Carlson Road.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Public Comment:** Bruce Walton said he would be meeting with the Road Commission and will submit a plan for the next two years' work.

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.**

Sue Sullivan, Clerk, reporting.