

February 15, 2010

A Regular meeting of the Chocolay Township Board was held on Monday, February 15, 2010 at the Chocolay Township Office, 5010 U. S. 41 South, Marquette, MI. Supervisor Seppanen called the Township Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

TOWNSHIP BOARD.

PRESENT: Greg Seppanen, Arlene Hill, John Greenberg, John Trudeau, Mark Maki, Susan Carlson, Ken Tabor.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Tom Murray, Mary Sanders, Denny Magadanz, Brad Johnson, Jennifer Thum.

MINUTES – January 18, 2010.

Carlson moved, Greenberg second that the minutes of the January 18, 2010 Township Board meeting be approved as presented.

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS.

Hill moved, Greenberg second to accept the agenda as presented.

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

None.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE.

Hill moved, Tabor second that bills totaling \$136,492.11 for checks numbered 16046 – 16077 are approved for payment.

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

Trudeau moved, Carlson second that bills totaling \$35,898.00 for checks numbered 16078 – 16119 are approved for payment.

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

PAYROLL.

Hill moved, Tabor second that the payroll for January 12, 2010 \$7,391.65, January 21, 2010 for \$30,032.56 and February 4, 2010 for \$26,991.15 are approved.

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

FINANCIAL AND TREASURER'S REPORTS.

Hill moved, Tabor second to accept the Financial and Treasurer's Report.

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

PRESENTATION – HERITAGE TRAIL.

Carol Fulsher, Don Britton and Jim Thomas presented information on the status of the Heritage Trail in the Negaunee/Ishpeming area. They brought along examples of Historical signage that will be placed on the trail. Last summer the Negaunee/Ishpeming trail averaged 500 people per day. The trail that will go from the Brownstone Inn to Washington Street was discussed. The Heritage Trail Committee will have a millage proposal on the August ballot.

SUPERVISORS REPORT.

- We are continuing to explore placing water lines along U S 41 South between Marquette and Harvey when the highway is under construction in 2012.
- Transition of Zoning Administrator duties from Randy Yelle to Jennifer Thum occurred in January. Jennifer Thum gave the Board an up date on Lakenen Land and the permit status.

Maki moved, Tabor second to waive the conditional Use permit fee for the Lakenen Band shell.

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

AGENDA PACKETS FOR BOARD AND COMMISSION MEMBERS.

Clerk Hill wrote a memo to the Board explaining that we are placing the full agenda for Boards and Commissions on the Township website. The public will be able to view and print from the web site. Currently we are using a hand fed scanner belonging to the Police Department. We are also looking at purchasing a new copier and the new copiers have the capability to scan files and put into PDF format for the web site. This will make the process quicker and easier. At this point Clerk Hill suggested keeping the FOIA cost at .15 per page.

Hill moved, Carlson second that the Clerk Department prepares a purchase request for final approval by the Board at the March meeting.

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

Wayne Dees – Commented on reasonable costs for FOIA and charging for research at the lowest hourly employee rate.

MANAGER POSTING, EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT AND TIMELINE.

Trustee Trudeau requested that all Board members should be involved in each step of the process for the Manager position.

The Board agreed to set up a Special Board meeting to discuss the Manager position within the next two weeks.

2010 FINANCIAL AUDIT AGREEMENT.

Treasurer Greenberg asked the Board if they preferred to enter an additional 3 year agreement with our current auditors or go out for bids. We have a good working relationship with our current auditors. Trustee Trudeau suggested that we do a formal renewal of contract with our current auditors at the March meeting and that will allow any other local audit firm a chance to present a contract at that time.

WOOD CHIPPER.

Hill moved, Carlson second that the Chocolay Township Board approve the expenditure of \$9,999.00 from the Sanitation Department in the Capital Improvement Fund #401.526.957 to M & M Specialties for a rebuilt Wood Chipper.

ROLL CALL.

AYES: Trudeau, Maki, Greenberg, Carlson, Tabor, Hill, Seppanen.
NAYS: None. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

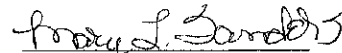
Wayne Dees – Commented on the Township, Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals working with Tom Lakenen on Lakenenland Park.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

- A. Minutes – Mqt. Co. Solid Waste Mgmt. Auth. - October 21st, 2009
- B. Communication – Charter Communications
- C. Departmental Monthly Reports
- D. Minutes - Personnel Committee, February 4th, 2010 (Draft)
- E. Minutes – Mqt. Area Wastewater Treatment Facility Adv. Board, December 17th, 2009
- F. Meeting Schedule – 2010 Iron Ore Recreation Authority
- G. Communication – John Shupe

Supervisor Seppanen adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm.

Arlene E. Hill, CMC
Clerk


Mary L. Sanders, CMC
Deputy Clerk