

3. We have received another KBIC 2% check. I met with department heads to discuss disbursement and we will bring a budget amendment to the February meeting.

TOWNSHIP REAPPRAISAL.

The Board discussed a complete reappraisal and/or a complete update on field cards. Trustee Maki questioned why his letter to the Board on this matter was not in the packet and why we would consider a reappraisal with out the State requiring it? Trustee Trudeau feels the housing market is too uncertain to do a complete reappraisal in 2009. Treasurer Greenberg feels we should look at an in house card up date. We could hire part time help for the assessor in the summer of 2009 and consider only updating 80 % of the cards in 2009. Our assessor could update the other 20% of the cards starting in 2010 and continuing updating 20% each year thereafter.

An in house proposal for updating assessment cards will be brought to the Board on the February agenda.

RESOLUTION AMENDING GENERAL FUND BUDGET FY 2008 AMENDMENT NO. 5 WAGE STUDY AND D.P.W. SALARY.

Greenberg moved, Hill second that Whereas, a budget was adopted by the Chocolay Township Board to govern the expenditures of anticipated general fund receipts within the township in December 17, 2007, for the next fiscal year, and, Whereas, as a result of unanticipated changes in revenues and/or needed expenditures, it is necessary to modify the aforesaid budget between revenues and expenditures, Now Therefore, Be It Hereby Resolved, that the aforesaid budget be hereby modified as follows:

EXPENDITURE	PREVIOUS	CHANGE	AMENDED
Township Board Legal/Consulting 101.103.826	15,000.00	+5,000.00	20,000.00
Parks and Properties Salaries 101.756.702	48,357.24	+2,000.00	50,357.24
Parks and Properties Part-Time 101.756.705	6,200.00	+1,100.00	7,300.00
Other General Government Contingency 101.285.951	50,800.00	-8,100.00	42,700.00
ROLL CALL.			

AYES: Trudeau, Maki, Tabor, Carlson, Hill, Greenberg, Seppanen.

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED.

WASTEWATER RATES AND OM& R RESOLUTION 2009.

Tabor moved, Greenberg second that

WHEREAS, the revenues and expenditures for the wastewater collection and treatment system have been reviewed, and

WHEREAS, the current user fee of \$24.60 is not adequate for the projected replacement cost of the system, therefore a rate of \$25.60 will be necessary and

WHEREAS, the equivalent user fee of \$25.60 per month will be sufficient to offset the Township's share of the OM&R cost for the wastewater treatment plant, and

WHEREAS, the equivalent user fee of \$25.60 will be adequate for the collection system OM&R cost, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Chocolay Township Board establishes the equivalent user fee of \$25.60 for the fiscal year 2009.

ROLL CALL.

AYES: Carlson, Hill, Greenberg, Trudeau, Maki, Tabor, Seppanen.

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPOINTMENTS.

Tabor moved, Greenberg second to appoint Chocolay Township board member John Trudeau as the Board representative to the Chocolay Township Zoning Board of Appeals as a regular member, Mr. Trudeau's term shall run in conjunction with his Township Board term ending November 20, 2012. The Board also appoints Mr. Dan Maki as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Mr. Maki's term shall end May of 2011. The appointments are provided for the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, Act 110 of 2006, and section XV of the Chocolay Township Zoning Ordinance.

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

MICROSOFT 2007 PROFESSIONAL PACKAGE.

Trudeau moved, Tabor second to allow the purchase of Microsoft Office 2007 for a total not to exceed \$522.55 from the Capital Improvements Fund account 401.258.957 and to be installed on Jennifer Thum's computer

ROLL CALL.

AYES: Trudeau, Maki, Tabor, Carlson, Greenberg, Seppanen.

NAYS: Hill.

Treasurer Greenberg asked that we look into the cost of putting the Microsoft office 2007 on the server before purchasing it for one machine.

VEHICLE POLICY.

Trudeau moved, Tabor second to approve the Township vehicle policy with changes from Treasurer Greenberg.

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

SAFETY AND HEALTH PROGRAM.

Trudeau moved, Hill second that the Chocolay Township Board adopts a Safety and Health program dated January 2009 and appoint Greg Seppanen, Supervisor, Brad Johnson, DPW Foreman, Tom Murray, Community Development Coordinator and Mary Kratzke, Police Administrative Assistant as Township representatives.

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

IRON ORE HERITAGE TRAIL.

Don Britton, representing the Iron Ore Heritage Trail spoke to the Board on the reorganization of the Heritage Trail group. After the November 2008 election the Heritage Trail reorganized with 9 governmental units (not including Humbolt Township). They are requesting \$1,000.00 from Chocolay Township in place of the original request of \$500.00.

Greenberg moved, Tabor second to authorize the originally budgeted \$500.00 to the Iron Ore Heritage Trail Authority and have the I.O.H.T. bring a copy of their budget to our next Board meeting and the Board will discuss the additional \$500.00.

ROLL CALL.

AYES: Carlson, Hill, Greenberg, Trudeau, Maki, Tabor, Seppanen.

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

Wayne Dees, Woodvale – agrees on the \$250,000.00 investment limit per bank. Feels the Township should hire a firm to re-do the assessment cards in Chocoday. Chocoday Township should actively seek applicants for Board and Commissions. He sent a letter to the Supervisor on the Zoning Administrator.

Tim Roberts – Questioned the legality of checking employee driving records.

Trustee Maki – Request Wayne Dees letter be available for the Board. Wants a policy on how to get an item on the agenda.

Trustee Trudeau – His understanding is that the Supervisor sets the agenda. If two board members request an item be on the agenda.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

- A. Board update from employee staff meeting
- B. Communication from Charter Communication
- C. Summary of Changes to the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act
(PA 110 of 2006) Made by PA12 of 2008
- D. Political Sign Amendment Clarification

Supervisor Seppanen adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Arlene E. Hill, CMC
Clerk

Mary L. Sanders, CMC
Deputy Clerk