

May 18, 2009

A joint meeting of the Chocolay Township Board and Chocolay Township Planning Commission was held on Monday, May 18, 2009 at the Chocolay Township Office, 5010 U. S. 41 South, Marquette, MI. Planning Commission Chair Denton called the Planning Commission meeting to order and 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, Ken Tabor, Mark Maki, Susan Carlson.

ABSENT: None.

PLANNING COMMISSION.

PRESENT: Estelle Devooght, Ken Tabor, Al Denton, Andy Sikkema, Steve Kinnunen, Andy Smith, Kendell Milton.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer Thum, Mary Sanders, Brad Johnson, Denny Magadanz, Pat Beck, Gary Heinzelman.

The first item on the agenda was to look at the new fire truck. Both boards went out to see the truck and returned at 7:15 pm.

Discussion by both Planning and Township Boards:

- The two large projects going on in the Township currently are McDonalds and Blondeau Trucking. Both are very attractive projects with much public support.
- It would be good to have an overview of the comprehensive plan and how the zoning ordinance works with it.
- The Planning Commission and Board considered not allowing any new private roads in Chocolay. The final decision was to require that private roads use county road standards when being built. Cul-de-Sacs are only allowed to be temporary in Chocolay Township sub-divisions. All sub divisions must have two outlets.
- Shared driveways are a problem.
- The Planning Commission would like direction from the Township Board on what they want the Planning Commission to work on in the future.
- The comprehensive plan will be updated again next year.
- The Planning Commission plans for the future and still has to respond to what is currently happening.
- The 2010 census will most likely show an aging population in Chocolay. The Planning Commission should be looking into transportation and housing for the elderly and how to attract the youth.
- The Planning Commission should be looking at highway issues including the proposed tunnel.
- Water should be a concern of this Township, we should be looking at bringing water lines from the City of Marquette.
- The proposed zoning amendments 34-09-1 through 34-09-16 were looked at by the two boards.
- The Township web site was discussed; staff is looking for any changes or addition the Board would like to see.
- Andy Sikkema, Planning Commissioner and representative of MDOT explained the 2009-2010 highway improvements. The intersection at M-28 and U S 41 will be realigned in 2009. Patching and sections will be worked on from the Welcome Center to the intersection in 2009. The

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION AMENDING FIRE FUND BUDGET FY 2009 AMENDMENT NO. 1 FINAL PAYMENT ON FIRE TRUCK.

Greenberg moved, Tabor second that Whereas, a budget was adopted by the Chocolay Township Board to govern the expenditures of anticipated fire fund receipts within the township on December 15, 2008, 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
Fire Fund Capital Outlay 206.340.957	0	+107,654.00	107,654.00
Fire Fund Fund Balance 206.390	-143,623.98	-107,654.00	-251,277.98

ROLL CALL.

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

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

FIRE DEPARTMENT AIR COMPRESSOR.

The Board tabled this until the June meeting when the fire chief will be available.

MARQUETTE COUNTY EMS WEEK.

Seppanen moved, Greenberg second to designate the week of May 17 – 23, 2009, as Emergency Medical Services Week

WHEREAS, emergency medical services is a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care and help to those in crisis 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, access to qualify emergency care dramatically improve the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, the members of our Country’s eighteen (18) emergency medical services agencies engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week; now

THEREFORE, we recognize this event and do hereby proclaim the week of May 17 – 23, 2009, as Emergency Medical Services Week.

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK PROCLAMATION.

Hill moved, Greenberg second that

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Charter Township of Chocolay approves the submission of the grant application to the Michigan Coastal Management Program in the amount of \$30,000.00 for the Comprehensive Plan update and other grant application elements and commits that the local match shall be provided if the project is funded.

AYES: 6

AYS: 1

MOTION CARRIED.

REQUEST FROM LION'S CLUB FOR EXEMPTION OF MEETING ROOM.

Hill moved, Trudeau second to approve the meeting room fee exemption request from the Chocolay Lion's Club due to their long history of public service to Chocolay Township.

AYES: 7

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT SUMMER WORKER.

Tabor moved, Greenberg second to move \$2,500.00 from CIF Assessing 401.202.957 to general fund assessing 101.202.705.

ROLL CALL.

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

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

Cathy Peterson commented on the Lion's Club and asked the Board to be conservative with tax dollars.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

- A. Board update from employee staff meeting
- B. Marquette Area Wastewater Treatment Facility Advisory Board minutes and annual report
- C. Correspondence from the Department of Treasury for our township financial plan

Supervisor Seppanen adjourned the meeting at 9:25 pm.

Arlene E. Hill, CMC
Clerk

Mary L. Sanders, CMC
Deputy Clerk