

BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 13, 2012

The Beaver Creek Township Board held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 13, 2012, at 7:00 pm called to order by the supervisor. Board members present: Ashton, Balmes, Summers, Little and Hartman.

The Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation were led by the supervisor.

MINUTES:

Motion by Little and seconded by Balmes to approve the minutes from the October meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Motion by Hartman and seconded by Little to accept the treasurer's report as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

CLERKS REPORT:

The clerk reported that 67%, or 685 voters had voted in the election 11-6-2012.

SUPERVISORS REPORT:

A thank you to Roger & Cindy Weatherly and Billie Jo Miller for a great Trunk or Treat event on Halloween.

The supervisor has been attending meetings regarding recycling, HLUA etc.

HLUA:

There were only two service calls in October. The M & R fee, which is currently \$3,600 per year to Wade Trim, will probably be doubled for next year's repairs, due to problems with electrical.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Training has been going on for the HAZMAT team.

There was a meeting put together by Karen Richards on Saturday, November 10, 2012 regarding those living near the oil/gas fields. Those represented: the DNR, two from Breitburn, Matt Holtcamp from MMR, Ed Holtcamp, Fire chief and Roger Weatherly and Carol Raybuck was there for the supervisor as he could not be present. Many questions were answered by residents.

The treasurer had asked the fire chief who is on the Skyline Fire Department tower. 1.) Fire Department, 2.) MMR (their yearly fee of \$7,800 includes tower space), 3.) Mercy Hospital (in kind as they contributed \$5,000 for a backup generator system), 4.) Cherry Capital who has a dish on the tower (they contributed to raising height of tower at a cost of \$10,000).

Reverse 911 is almost operational and ready to do testing. There will be a meeting tomorrow, and then the software people will load the database. The county is picking up the additional cost for the database. It should be ready to go yet this month.

PLANNING/ZONING:

There were three permits issued in October, two animal complaints; several travel trailers moved in and three site visits.

DPW:

Getting to the time of year that we may be able to get a 3rd weekend in compactor before emptying.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Recycling Information
2. CECD Report
3. Holiday closing 2013
4. Brabant information

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Fire chief Replacement-The supervisor reported that Roger Weatherly has agreed to fill the position of fire chief for the township at a cost of \$37,000 per year, which will include taking care of the transfer site. Motion by Ashton and seconded by Balmes to hire Roger Weatherly to take over the fire chief position on a full time basis. Roll call vote with all ayes. Motion carried.

2. Fire chiefs back wages. Supervisor asked that it be tabled, as we have not heard back from our attorney.

3. Recycling Proposal. Discussion regarding the proposal from supervisor at Grayling Township for the 4/1/2013 thru 3/31/2014 recycling year, which would be \$2,000 charge for the township, \$500 more than the current charges.

It was suggested that we do a questionnaire to residents/property owners either by mail in the tax bill or at the transfer site. We need to have some idea as to how many people recycle and use our current recycling facility and if they want to see it continue. Also suggested that a questionnaire be put on our web site so that residents can answer it by email to the township.

Thanks to Grayling Township for shouldering the recycling. It was also brought up that the county gets \$120,000 or so per year for this purpose, yet they are only contributing \$23,000 to the cost.

Major Robson stated at the last recycling meeting that the individual townships could bring their recycling to the camp if they choose. It must be clean and we would have to purchase a flatbed trailer to carry it on.

The trailer that we use, belonging to the county, is in very bad shape.

In conclusion, for now we will do a survey, either at the transfer site or include it in the tax bill.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Snow Plowing bids. We received two snowplowing bids for next year, 1.) from Kelley's Clean Cut Lawn Service-\$65.00 transfer site (sand/salting \$50.00), \$45.00 township offices and community center (sand/salting \$30.00), 2.) from Great Lakes Tree Removal-\$85.00 transfer site, \$70.00 township offices and community center. Motion by Little and seconded by Balmes to hire Kelley's Clean Cut Lawn Service to do our snowplowing this winter for \$65.00 at the transfer site and \$45.00 for the township offices and community center. Roll call vote with all ayes, motion carried.

2. Fire Assessment Rate. The treasurer commented that the fire assessment amount is going up. Discussion regarding why it is increasing and that the township residents still pay less than surrounding communities as the industry pays a fire fee. Motion by Ashton and seconded by Hartman to approve the fire assessment amount of 2.36 mills for the winter tax bill. Roll call vote with all ayes, motion carried.

3. Motion by Little and seconded by Hartman to give the supervisor the authority to spread the special assessments on the tax roll. Roll call vote with all ayes, motion carried. The treasurer would like to know if we need a special hearing on the special assessment amounts.

4. Discussion regarding having a light installed that will shine on our flag. We have one price of \$300 to install a light on a 4' post. Can a solar light be used? We will put this on next month's agenda.

5. Motion by Hartman and seconded by Little to allow any board member that would like to attend the January MTA Annual Conference in Detroit to do so. All ayes, motion carried.

6. Motion by Ashton and seconded by Balmes to replace the township camera that was in the zoning department, for under \$100.00. Roll call vote with all ayes, motion carried.

7. Discussion regarding the HLUA and the delinquent O & M fees. The manager of the HLUA has the duty of collecting the fee, and if they are delinquent, he should inform the township treasurers of the delinquency. Consensus of the board to have the supervisor write a letter to the HLUA board, reinforcing the letter already sent by the treasurer, that the township treasurer must be informed in writing by August 1st each year whether or not there are any delinquencies.

8. Discussion regarding the maintenance position. Supervisor asked that the board hire another person to do maintenance and leave the current employee at the transfer site. This matter was tabled until our next meeting.

9. Motion by Little and seconded by Hartman to pay the accounts payable in the amount of \$16,353.36, checks #27711 thru #27760. Roll call vote with all ayes, motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE:

Ed Holtcamp wanted to thank the supervisor and his son for cleaning up in excess of a dozen trash sites around the township.

The Rehabilitation District discussed at our October meeting is being worked on. The assessor has a township that has recently done this and is giving the supervisor the needed information on how to put it together.

Sherry Miller wanted to know how long the John Hancock pension balance for the additional full time employees, could stay at zero?

Comments on the Reverse 911 system.

A resident wanting to know about multiple travel trailers on a 4 Mile Road property.

Comment on the new well being drilled southwest of the corner of King and W. 5 Mile Road. Could we have a “what’s new” on the web site so the community can be aware of what is going on?

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm.

Sharon K. Hartman, Clerk