

Beaver Creek Township Regular Meeting February 9, 2016

The Beaver Creek Township regular monthly meeting was called to order at 10:00 am on Tuesday, February 9, 2016. Board members present: Ashton, Hartman, Van Nuck, Little and Riley. There were 11 guests present.

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

AGENDA:

Motion by Little and seconded by Van Nuck to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

GUESTS:

Guest Tim Malone from Cherry Capital Connection, LLC wants the board to sign an "Authorization to Act as Property Owners Agent". This will allow Charter to hook up cable to the Skyline Tower. We have an existing lease with Cherry Capital. Mr. Malone explained that their object is to grow in rural areas and they would like to move their existing operation from the Grayling Airport to the Skyline Tower.

Guest Larry Fox, C2AE, stated that his firm has been hired by the Higgins Lake State Park and McMullan Conference Center to evaluate their existing waste systems and how they can be improved, or if it is feasible to hook into the Higgins Lake Utilities Authority.

Undersheriff Kryacs talked about the 911 system that is now under control of the Sheriff's Department and the S.T.I.N.G. Program.

MINUTES:

Motion by Little and seconded by Riley to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2016 meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

It is busy in the office at the end of the tax collection year.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Remember to vote on March 8th, the Presidential Primary.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

The supervisor has been attending meetings and working on a grant for the Pere Cheney Cemetery. There are some openings on various boards if anyone is interested.

HIGGINS LAKE UTILITIES AUTHORITY:

Ron Wood has broken a hip, but hopefully can return soon. The chair has resigned and a new member will be appointed by the Lyon Township Board.

Larry Fox, C2AE explained that his firm has been hired to evaluate the existing sewer system, The North State Park and McMullan Conference Center want assurance that the H.L.U.A. is going to support them working towards hooking into the existing system, if it is best to do so.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

A class on confined space training will start in March. The fire department has done two cross country skiing rescues.

Some of the new turn-out-gear has been received.

There is an issue with the furnace in the fire hall.

DPW:

John Buggs is doing a good job at the transfer site.

PLANNING/ZONING:

There has been only one zoning permit issued this year. The zoning administrator is working on blight issues.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No date has been set for the work shop with the attorney. We will bring this up again next month.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Riley and seconded by Little to pass the Poverty Exemption Guidelines Resolution as presented. Roll call vote with all ayes, motion carried.

AMENDED POVERTY GUIDELINES RESOLUTION

For the year 2016

SECTION A

WHEREAS, the adoption of guidelines for poverty exemptions is within the purview of the Township Board; and WHEREAS, the homestead of persons who, in the judgment of the Supervisor and Board of Review, by reason of poverty, are unable to contribute to the public charges is eligible for exemption in whole or part from taxation under Public Act 390, 1994 (MCL 211.7u); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to P.A. 390, 1994, Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County, adopts the following guidelines for the Supervisor and Board of Review to implement. The guidelines shall include but not be limited to the specific income and asset levels of the claimant and all persons residing in the household, including any property tax credit returns, filed in the current or immediately preceding year;

To be eligible, a person shall do all the following on an annual basis:

- 1) Be an owner of and occupy as a homestead the property for which an exemption is requested. A property is defined by a parcel number on the assessment and or tax roll for the Township and is recorded with a "Principal Residence Exemption", which includes qualified agricultural property.
- 2) File a claim with the Board of Review, or Township Supervisor, accompanied by Federal and State income tax returns for all persons residing in the homestead, including any property tax credit returns filed in the immediately preceding year or in the current year.
- 3) Produce a valid driver's license or other form of identification if requested.
- 4) Produce a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested if requested.
- 5) Meet the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines as defined and determined annually by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
- 6) Meet asset levels set by the governing body of the local assessing unit.
- 7) The application for an exemption shall be filed after January 1, but before the day prior to the last day of Board of Review.
- 8) Any additional eligibility requirements as determined by the Township Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Review shall follow the above stated policy and Federal Guidelines in granting or denying an exemption, unless the Board of Review determines there are substantial and compelling reasons why there should be a deviation from the policy and Federal Guidelines and these are communicated in writing to the claimant.

The amended resolution was adopted November 13, 1995. Section figures were updated February 9, 2016, as follows:

SECTION B

The following are the poverty thresholds as of December 31, 2015, for use in setting Poverty Exemption Guidelines for 2016 income levels:

NUMBER OF PERSONS RESIDING IN HOMESTEAD	ANNUAL ALLOWABLE INCOME
1 person	\$11,770
2 persons	15,930
3 persons	20,090
4 persons	24,250
5 persons	28,410
6 persons	32,570
7 persons	36,730
8 persons	40,890
For each additional person, add	4,160

SECTION C

Total asset levels for residents not to exceed	\$ 70,000
Total asset levels for agricultural not to exceed	\$ 150,000

2. Motion by Ashton and seconded by Riley to appoint John Bromley to the Board of Review. All ayes, motion carried. Motion by Ashton and seconded by Van Nuck to send Mr. Bromley to the Board of Review training at Gaylord for \$101.00. Roll call vote with all ayes, motion carried.
3. Motion by Van Nuck and seconded by Little to approve the Proclamation from The Up North Prevention, "April 2016 is Social Host Responsibility Month". Roll call vote with all ayes, motion carried.
4. Motion by Van Nuck and seconded by Riley to honor the request from the Grayling Youth Booster Club for a donation for Fourth of July fireworks, in the amount of \$200.00. Roll call vote with all ayes, motion carried.
5. Motion by Van Nuck and seconded by Hartman to pay the General Insurance Policy with Dave Chapman Agency in the amount of \$24,107.00. Roll call vote with all ayes, motion carried.
6. The scanner used at the transfer site is not working correctly and the supervisor is looking at replacement costs. He will have a report for next month's meeting.
7. Motion by Little and seconded by Van Nuck to pay the accounts payable in the amount of \$44,023.54, checks #30249 thru #30282. Roll call vote with all ayes, motion carried.

No comments from the audience.

Motion by Van Nuck and seconded by Hartman to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 am.

Sharon K. Hartman, Clerk

**BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP ELECTION
COMMISSION MEETING
February 10, 2016**

The Beaver Creek Township Election Commission held a Special Meeting on February 10, 2016, at 10:00 AM. Election Commission members present: Ashton, Van Nuck and Hartman.

The purpose of the meeting was to choose election workers for the March 8, 2016 Presidential Primary Election.

Motion by Van Nuck and seconded by Ashton to ask the following to work that day:

1. Norma Pless, Chair
2. Jim Lawless
3. Marian Hilliker
4. John Welt
5. Kay Wood

Alternates: Donna Schnoor and Paula Capling

Ayes: 3, nays: 0. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 AM.

Sharon K. Hartman, Clerk