

BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING JUNE 13, 2011

The Beaver Creek Township Board held its regular meeting on Monday evening, June 13, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. Board members present: Hartman, Summers, Little, Balmes. Board members absent: Ashton. There were 4 residents and 1 guest present.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Sharon Hartman.

Presentation by Shelley Hubbard of the Northern Michigan Task Force/Catholic Human Services on Prescription Drug Abuse. It's here – it's real and it's dangerous! 35% of all drug abuse is from prescription drugs and the numbers are growing. Never store your prescription drugs in the bathroom where other's will have reason to frequent. Never flush unused prescription drugs – they enter our water. Crush them first; then dissolve them in hot water and then pour out onto cat litter to be absorbed; seal in a plastic baggie. Call your local Sheriff's office for disposal.

Motion by Little and seconded by Balmes to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, May 9, 2011. All ayes, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balmes read from the Treasurer's Report to the board members and residents present. Motion by Little and seconded by Hartman to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT:

The Aflac representative will be here on Thursday, June 16, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. for anyone interested in Aflac. August 2, 2011, there will be an election and absentee ballots should be here next week sometime. The election will be for the Transportation Authority renewal of mileage and the senior citizen's have two proposals on this ballot also.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

B. Ashton is on vacation this week therefore, no report is available at this time.

HIGGINS LAKE UTILITY AUTHORITY:

The monthly HLUA meeting will take place tomorrow, Tuesday, June 14, 2011. AT&T Cingular Cell Tower on HLUA property will be discussed; our ZBA will meet to conduct a hearing on this, Thursday, July 7, 2011. HLUA will also review their budget and manager's position/job description at this meeting also.

FIRE DEPARTMENT & DPW:

Alarms have dropped off at this time of the year and gives us a chance to complete our outside training.

We have a new man at the transfer site, Max Meisner; he is the right person for the job. No problems using our scanner, he comes to us from Tractor Supply in Traverse City so he is used to scanners. He is catching up on the grass cutting out at the cemetery. He got about 2/3rds mowed today before our new mower broke a belt so Max will be using the old mower tomorrow. Ed will see Paul at PJ Motors, Tuesday, June 14, 2011, to inquire as to why a new lawn mower would break a belt completely in half during its first 1-2 months in service. Max has done a real nice job in our BCT garage and you can now park truck and trailer in it. Max has his own cell phone. We did get Ron Cumberworth's township cell phone back a few months ago.

Some bad news regarding Narrow Band Radio System deal: The county fire department went in together on a grant for a new narrow band radio system (NBRS) which will be required in the near future. It is a no go on this grant and we all have to be on NBRS by next year. It's a very costly thing - \$27,000 for our township alone. The only thing that will still work is our pagers on the new NBRS.

The Fire Department received \$1,500 from Georgia Pacific which is much appreciated and beginning next year our BCT Fire Department will go back to training with Georgia Pacific once again.

Transfer Site Compactor: is running right on schedule, we are covering our expenses well. Road grating at the site isn't going well. It has to be moist conditions and so far the timing has not been well suited to accomplish this.

Question: Previous transfer site employee, Ron Cumberworth's medical insurance – there will be no Cobra as we don't have enough employees to necessitate a Cobra.

PLANNING & ZONING:

The next meeting of our ZBA will be tomorrow, Tuesday, June 14, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. Camp Curnalia Zoning District: the document has come back from attorney Dick Lang. Jerry has gone over all Mr. Lang's notes and believes Dick has some good ideas on this. We currently have an "incident" at Camp Curnalia and JB wants to let it play out and see what Camp Curnalia is going to do first.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from Attorney Parker regarding Guay Hearing. Her attorney did not show up at this last hearing to give his brief (Mr. Vernon). We have about 30-90 days (may be as long as a year) before we will hear back from the Court of Appeals and hopefully, it will be in our favor and then we will deal with it at that point.

Census Bureau. Thank you letter to Beaver Creek Township for our part in the 2010 Census.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Zoning Administrator Services Contract vs. Township Employee. Hartman has some trouble as the township auditors and the MTA made us make our assessor an employee vs. a contractor; she'd like to have Mr. Lang, our attorney, review it first prior to voting. Little wants it to happen also and commented that our attorney review is a great idea. Ed said Mr. Lang would look at it, it's a good idea, it is well written and needs our attorney's review first. Vivian Balmes motioned that to go ahead and vote on the Zoning Administrator Services Contract providing it is ok with our attorney and cautioned that it must be approved by July 1, 2011 and be in place for the start of the new fiscal year. Vivian Balmes further commented: The State is pushing State Shared Services, so she believes we'll see a lot more of this type of thing. Ed can have it in Dick's hands and have an answer by Thursday, June 16, 2011. Summers asked: "Can we do what Vivian Balmes said and approve it now pending Dick Lang's approval?" Vivian Balmes began to make the motion to approve the Zoning Administrator Services Contract but then said she'd like to abstain from this and made the motion to allow her to abstain. Little okayed her motion to allow Vivian Balmes to abstain and Hartman seconded it. If anything is changed there will have to be another meeting any way whether it be at the next board meeting or call a special board meeting. Vote: Little says we will wait for our attorney, Mr. Dick Lang's response – there was no motion to accept.

Workmen's Compensation Policy – Changing Companies. Ed commented that the Fire Department wages have been adjusted \$11,398, savings would be present with the MTA at a cost of \$8,329. Little moves to accept the MTA quote and Balmes moves to have Sharon Hartman sign it as soon as it comes in.

Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Clean-up Day Pricing and Date. American Waste came in at \$3,978, \$300 less than Waste Management. Little ok, motion to award American Waste the Clean-up Day job and Balmes seconded. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Date and Time: Saturday, June 25, 2011 from 7:00 a.m. through 11:00 a.m.

Budget Hearing took place at 7:44 p.m.

There were no questions and no comments from the residents present; being so, the meeting returned to the regular June Board Meeting.

Reinhart Property Demo and Clean-up Bids. The board decided to give the Reinhart's until June 10, 2011, and notified them via the U.S. Mail. The notices were returned to Beaver Creek Township. We have since received three bids for the Demo and Clean-up. The bids were for \$4,000.00, \$4,200.00 and \$5,500.00 with the mobile home cement slab remaining in place. Demo mobile home and take away EVERYTHING else too, all debris are to be removed from this property; this has been five years in the making. Beaver Creek Township has budgeted \$7,000.00 for this Demo and Clean-up. Little made the motion to accept the bid from Great Lakes Tree Removal for \$4,000.00 and Balmes seconded.

Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget Adjustments 2010-2011. Motion by Balmes to accept as presented and seconded by Little. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Pavilion Rental and Cleaning Fee. Ashton wanted this put on the agenda in his absence so the board is aware of the need so this is why Hartman is doing so. Should we consider a cleaning fee for the pavilion? The large pavilion already has a rental fee of \$50.00. Please think about this cleaning fee for the next board meeting, July 11, 2011. Summers commented if it's continually being a problem then we have to look at it and take care of it. Balmes commented, she has never seen so many kids and schools using the pavilion and that it was great to see; but the mess...is another thing...water balloons are the worst. Summers said to send a letter to the schools saying what is allowed and what is not allowed, water balloons for one. Ed commented, that it is the first time the supervisor has had to clean it up, it happens every year at the end of school picnics.

Beaver Creek Township 2011-2012 Budget Approval.

Motion by Little to accept the proposed 2011-2012 Beaver Creek Township Budget as presented and seconded by Hartman. Any discussion on this or any comments/questions by our board? There was no discussion and no comments/questions by the board.

Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Attorney Mr. Dick Lang's Retirement Letter. Dick Lang will be fully retired by September 1, 2011. He has suggested some attorneys within our area, Dick does not know of these people personally. Little would like to see a local attorney represent our township. Hartman said this issue will be put back on the agenda for perhaps July or August 2011.

Ron Cumberworth's Retirement/Quit. We have hired someone to replace Ron Cumberworth as our maintenance person and our transfer site person. Ron Wood asked why Ron Cumberworth retired. No reason was given to the township. Hartman believes it was a combination of things, not feeling well, issues at the transfer site, etc. and that Ron simply doesn't want to continue working; he began receiving Social Security checks this year. Hartman asked for the board's permission to send Ron a nice letter of thanks for his years of service. Permission was granted by the board. New person is Max Meisner, a local Beaver Creek Township resident, who is a very, very nice man per Hartman.

Cleaning Person Hiring. Mary Cross has agreed to do our cleaning. Motion to Hire was made by Little and seconded by Summers with pay remaining the same \$9.70 per hour.
Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Wage Scale and Board Meeting Dates. Little made the motion to accept as presented, then commented/questioned why we changed the maintenance man's wage from Ron's wage of \$11.40 after years of service and now it is \$10.40 for the first 90 days and then goes up to \$11.70, more than the previous person's wages. Summers said that Brian Ashton recommended the \$10.70 and \$11.70; Summers and Balmes were the only other board members present; they agreed and voted Yes, therefore it was approved. Little wanted it noted that she was unable to attend this special meeting whereby the new maintenance man's wages were discussed and set. Motion by Summers to go with the Wage Scale and Board Meeting Dates as presented and seconded by Balmes.

Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Annual Meeting is set for Monday, June 27, 2011 at 7 p.m. with all in agreement.

Accounts Payable. Motion to pay A/P's of \$8,507.37, checks #26158 - #26196; Question on the invoice from Mr. Roto Router out of Traverse City was presented by Little, she wondered why no local plumbers would come out to fix our pavilion toilets. Ed said that Ashton did call locals but no one was available to come out immediately and we had the pavilion booked with school kids later that very day. Little wanted it noted that she was not at all happy about using a Traverse City plumber and not a local plumber. Motion to pay the A/P bills as presented was made by Little and seconded by Balmes.

Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Dave Church is appalled that our Supervisor, Brian Ashton, is not here for this all important township meeting; unless he is absent do to a death or hospitalization of an immediate family member – there is no excuse and an affront to the people of this community. Duly noted. The audience was asked if there were any other comments/questions to be made. No responses.

Motion to adjourn this meeting was made by Summers and seconded by Little at 8:08 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.
Mariann Tofil, BCT Office Secretary