

**BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING MAY 9, 2011**

The Beaver Creek Township Board held its regular meeting on Monday evening, May 9, 2011 at 7:00 pm. Board members present: Ashton, Balmes, Little and Hartman. Summers was absent. There were 9 guests present.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation let by the Supervisor.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Dave Stephenson, Chair of the Crawford County Commissioners, was present asking if there were any comments on their recent meeting with the townships regarding consolidating services. Tom Brooks and Steve Nelson, members of our planning commission attended the meeting. Some suggested consolidations involve recycling, planning, zoning, purchasing of supplies, assessing, building department, parks and recreation, waste disposal and eliminating townships and having one member from each township sit on the county board. There will be more meetings in the future.

**MINUTES:**

Motion by Balmes and seconded by Little to approve the minutes from the regular April 11, 2011 meeting and a special meeting held May 4, 2011. Four ayes, motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Motion by Hartman and seconded by Little to accept the Treasurer's Report. Roll call vote with four ayes, motion carried.

**CLERK'S REPORT:**

At the May 3, 2011 election we had 100 voters. We will be getting a laptop computer to use in the August election.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:**

Supervisor has been working on the budget. Cemetery cleanup was Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, and 95% of it is raked. He had 8 volunteers to help, 2 tractors and 2 dump trucks. Our township cleanup day is June 25<sup>th</sup>.

**HIGGINS LAKE UTILITIES AUTHORITY:**

AT&T has presented an Option and Lease Agreement to the H.L.U.A. Board and they will be working on that at their next meeting tomorrow.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

It was necessary to use the fire hydrant that is near the RAM Center recently and although it had never been used before, it worked great.

**DPW:**

The transfer site is working great and we went three weeks this last time before calling to have the compactor emptied. Discussion regarding collection of metal. It was suggested that the trailer be moved to where Ron can watch what is being put into it.

**PLANNING & ZONING:**

The Zoning Administrator stated that zoning permits are coming in slow. He will get estimates on the demolition of the Rhinehart property.

The Planning Commission will have a Special Use Permit request at their meeting in June and the ZBA will have a public hearing on a variance request.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. FEMA letter regarding May 26<sup>th</sup> Public Flood Risk Information Open House
2. Notice of Public Hearing from Great Lakes Energy Corp.
3. Sheriff's Office: Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony on May 16, 2011 at noon
4. NEMCOG 2011 Annual Update
5. Central dispatch

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Discussion regarding Camp Curnalia zoning changes in our zoning law. The zoning administrator will talk to the attorney regarding some issues and then it will go to the planning commission who will hold a public hearing and then the township board for final approval.
2. Clean up day bids. We will put this on the June agenda.
3. Discussion regarding removing the two dead trees at the cemetery. The supervisor talked to: 1.) Great Lakes Tree Removal, \$1,250.00, 2.) Northrup Tree Removal, \$800.00 and 3.) Have Saw Will Travel \$780.00. Motion by Little and seconded by Hartman to accept the lowest bid of \$780.00 from Have Saw Will Travel. Roll call vote with four ayes, motion carried.
4. Workman's Comp. Insurance will be put on the June agenda as Summers requested it wait until he can be here.
5. Newsletter deadline is June 4, 2011.
6. The township annual picnic will be August 20<sup>th</sup>. Supervisor has been working on entertainment, sand box money, drug dog and possibly the bomb squad. We need donations to help with the picnic.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Discussion regarding a letter from County Treasurer Joe Wakeley. It is the townships right to purchase foreclosed property in their own township with the condition that it be purchased for a public purpose. Motion by Little and seconded by Balmes to have the "Waiver of Right to Purchase Foreclosed Property" signed as the board has no interest in the two parcels available. Four ayes, motion carried.
2. Kevin from Glancy Gravel Pit at the end of W. 7 Mile Road, has requested lowering the amount of their Letter of Credit for reclamation costs from \$60,000 to \$15,000 as they have only used 10 acres of the 40 acres they have available. The State has put weight limits on the W. 7 Mile Road Bridge so they cannot easily haul gravel from the pit that way. They have no plans to do further development at the site. Motion by Little and seconded by Hartman to let them lower their Letter of Credit from the \$60,000 amount to \$15,000. All ayes, motion carried.
3. Motion by Balmes and seconded by Little to appoint Sharon Hartman to the H.L.U.A. Board for a two year term. Four ayes, motion carried.
4. Motion by Balmes and seconded by Little to hold the Budget Hearing on the 2011-2012 proposed budget during our regular meeting, June 13, 2011 at 7:30 PM.

5. Resolution to Hold an Annual Meeting. Motion to support said Resolution by Balmes and seconded by Hartman. Roll call vote with four ayes, motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION TO HOLD ANNUAL MEETING**

WHEREAS, the Beaver Creek Township Board deems it appropriate to hold an Annual Meeting;

WHEREAS, MCL41.8(6) states that the Township Board shall decide on a date to hold the Annual Meeting;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the Board will hold it's Annual Meeting on Monday evening, June 27, 2010 at 7:00 PM at the Beaver Creek Township Hall, 8888 S. Grayling Road, Grayling, Michigan.

6. A Resolution was presented to establish the supervisor's salary. Motion by Little and seconded by Balmes to accept the Resolution as presented. Roll call vote with four ayes, motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR'S SALARY**

WHEREAS, Michigan Compiled Law 41.95 authorizes the Township Board of Beaver Creek Township to determine the salaries for the office of supervisor for fiscal year 2011-2012 by adopting a resolution at least 30 days prior to the township annual meeting, and

WHEREAS, the Township Board deems that there shall be no adjustment in the salary of the office of supervisor for the new fiscal year, and said salary will remain the same as the current fiscal year.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that as of July 1, 2011, the salary for the supervisors office shall be \$23,446.00 per year if the supervisor is not actively involved in preparing the township assessment roll, and \$23,447.00 per year if the supervisor is certified at the appropriate assessor level and is actively involved in preparing the township assessment roll,

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be submitted to the electors at the annual meeting to be held on June 27, 2011, at which time the electors may modify this resolution. Pursuant to MCLA 41.95(7), such modification that may be made by the electors cannot result in a reduction of salary during each official's term of office. In the event that the electors fail to act on this resolution, the officer shall be entitled to the salaries as established in this resolution, in accordance with state law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution, adopted this day, May 9, 2011, is properly adopted by the Beaver Creek Township Board at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting, as required by law.

7. A Resolution was presented to establish the clerk's salary. Motion by Little and seconded by Balmes to accept the Resolution as presented. Roll call vote with all ayes, motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH TOWNSHIP CLERK'S SALARY**

WHEREAS, Michigan Compiled Law 41.95 authorizes the Township Board of Beaver Creek Township to determine the salaries for the office of clerk for fiscal year 2011-2012 by adopting a resolution at least 30 days prior to the township annual meeting, and

WHEREAS, the Township Board deems that there shall be no adjustment in the salary of the office of clerk for the new fiscal year, and said salary will remain the same as the current fiscal year.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that as of July 1, 2011, the salary for the clerk's office shall be \$26,290.00, per year, the same amount as last year.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be submitted to the electors at the annual meeting to be held on June 27, 2011, at which time the electors may modify this

resolution. Pursuant to MCLA 41.95(7), such modification that may be made by the electors cannot result in a reduction of salary during each official's term of office. In the event that the electors fail to act on this resolution, the officer shall be entitled to the salaries as established in this resolution, in accordance with state law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution, adopted this day, May 9, 2011, is properly adopted by the Beaver Creek Township Board at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting, as required by law

8. A Resolution was presented to establish the treasurer's salary. Motion by Little and seconded by Hartman to accept the Resolution as presented. Roll call vote with four ayes, motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH TOWNSHIP TREASURER'S SALARY**

WHEREAS, Michigan Compiled Law 41.95 authorizes the Township Board of Beaver Creek Township to determine the salaries for the office of treasurer for fiscal year 2011 - 2012 by adopting a resolution at least 30 days prior to the township annual meeting, and

WHEREAS, the Township Board deems that there shall be no adjustment in the salary of the office of treasurer for the new fiscal year, and said salary will remain the same as the current fiscal year.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that as of July 1, 2011, the salary for the treasurer's office shall be \$23,446.00 per year, the same amount as last year.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be submitted to the electors at the annual meeting to be held on June 27, 2011, at which time the electors may modify this resolution. Pursuant to MCLA 41.95(7), such modification that may be made by the electors cannot result in a reduction of salary during each official's term of office. In the event that the electors fail to act on this resolution, the officer shall be entitled to the salaries as established in this resolution, in accordance with state law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution, adopted this day, May 9, 2011, is properly adopted by the Beaver Creek Township Board at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting, as required by law.

9. A Resolution was presented to establish the trustee's salary. Motion by Balmes and seconded by Hartman to accept the Resolution as presented. Roll call vote with four ayes, motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES' SALARY**

WHEREAS, Michigan Compiled Law 41.95 authorizes the Township Board of Beaver Creek Township to determine the salaries for the office of trustee for fiscal year 2011- 2012 by adopting a resolution at least 30 days prior to the township annual meeting, and

WHEREAS, the Township Board deems that there shall be no adjustment in the salary of the office of trustee for the new fiscal year, and said salary will remain the same as the current fiscal year.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that as of July 1, 2011, the salary for the office of trustee shall be \$2,610.00 per year, the same amount as last year.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be submitted to the electors at the annual meeting to be held on June 27, 2011, at which time the electors may modify this resolution. Pursuant to MCLA 41.95(7), such modification that may be made by the electors cannot result in a reduction of salary during each official's term of office. In the event that the electors fail to act on this resolution, the officer shall be entitled to the salaries as established in this resolution, in accordance with state law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution, adopted this day, May 9, 2011, is properly adopted by the Beaver Creek Township Board at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting, as required by law.

10. Discussion regarding request from Gary & Sharon Cooley to will their 35 acres to the township to be used as a Nature Center Area in exchange for our waiving all property taxes for the next four years and not cutting down any trees. Consensus of the board that this would cost a lot of legal fees and many other problems. The supervisor will contact Mr. & Mrs. Cooley and suggest land conservation or other non-profit program to them.

11. Discussion regarding request from AuSable Valley Youth Services Bureau for funding a child for their summer program. Motion by Little to accept their request to sponsor a child from Beaver Creek Township for \$500.00. Roll call vote with four ayes, motion carried. Funds will be taken out of Deputy Treasurer and Deputy Clerk line items at \$250.00 each.

12. Discussion regarding request for money to help with fireworks. We felt we could not help this year and the supervisor will advise the Rotary Club of our decision.

12. Motion by Balmes and seconded by Little to pay the Accounts Payable invoices in the amount of \$16,632.39, checks #26068-#26101. Roll call vote with four ayes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Sharon K. Hartman  
Clerk