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**BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 10, 2012**

The Beaver Creek Township Board held its regular meeting on Tuesday evening, January 10, 2012, at 7:00 pm. Board members present: Ashton, Balmes, Summers, Little and Hartman. There were 5 guests present.

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

MINUTES:

Motion by Little and seconded by Balmes to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, December 13, 2011. All ayes, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

CLERK'S REPORT:

Absentee ballots for the February 28, 2012 election should be here next week.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor has attended the December Board of Review meeting, Grayling City Board meeting, Board of Commissioners meeting and Grayling Charter Township meeting this month.

Thank you to the fire department for their installation of the door lock and new hot water heater.

HIGGINS LAKE UTILITY AUTHORITY:

Short meeting with the auditor to be present at the next meeting to answer questions regarding last years audit.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire chief reported on the recent sour gas leak in the township gas fields. Wind was west northwest so not many people in this area smelled it, but some did as far away as Canada. A report is due in 30 days stating how vertical leaks will be detected in the future when a valve fails.

DPW:

Tonage has gone down; the ice in drive has been sanded. More information is needed in regard to switching to a 50 yard container vs the 40 yard we currently have.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Crawford County Road Commission public meeting announcement
2. Priority Health new state tax on health care claims
3. Peter Pettalia legislative update

OLD BUSINESS:

1. A copy of the new Assessing Contract is enclosed for your information.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Balmes and seconded by Little to adopt the Resolutions of Township Board Authority to Procure Loans for the purchase of a new radio system for the fire department. Roll call vote with all ayes, motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS OF TOWNSHIP BOARD
AUTHORITY TO PROCURE LOANS**

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk of this Township, or her successors in office, or any one of them be, and they hereby are authorized for, on behalf of, and in the name of this Township to:

- a. Negotiate and procure loans under an Installment Purchase Agreement with Chemical Bank and Trust Company, 333 East Main Street, Midland, MI 48640 (the Bank) up to an amount not exceeding Twenty Five Thousand One Hundred Dollars and no/100 (\$25,100.00) in the aggregate at any one time outstanding;
- b. Discount with said Bank, commercial or other business paper belonging to this Township made or drawn by or upon third parties, without limit as to amount;
- c. Give security for any liabilities of this Township to said Bank by mortgage, pledge or assignment or a lien upon any real or personal property, tangible or intangible, of this Township, and
- d. Execute in such form as may be required by the Bank all notes and other evidences of such loans, all instruments of pledge, assignment or lien and that none of the same shall be valid unless so signed or endorsed, provided, however that the endorsement of promissory notes discounted may be effected by any one of them.”

“RESOLVED FURTHER, that this resolution shall continue in force and said Bank may consider the holders of said offices and their signatures, respectively, to be and continue as set forth in the certificate of the Clerk of this Township accompanying a copy of this resolution when delivered to said Bank or in any similar subsequent certificate, until notice to the contrary in writing is duly served on said Bank”;

2. Motion by Balmes and seconded by Little to approve the Poverty Exemption Guidelines for 2012, as presented. Roll call vote with all ayes, motion carried. It is as follows:

**AMENDED POVERTY GUIDELINES RESOLUTION
For the year 2012**

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 standards 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 January 10, 2012, as follows:

SECTION B

The following are the poverty thresholds as of December 31, 2011, for use in setting poverty exemption guidelines for 2012 income levels:

NUMBER OF PERSONS RESIDING IN HOMESTEAD	ANNUAL ALLOWABLE INCOME
1 person	10,900
2 persons	14,700
3 persons	18,500
4 persons	22,400
5 persons	26,200
6 persons	30,000
7 persons	33,800
8 persons	37,600
For each additional person, add	3,800

SECTION C

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

3. Discussion regarding request from NEMCOG to update a list of economic Development and public works projects for the region, if the township has Anything to be added to the list. Supervisor asked that we look at the letter and fill out the form next week.

4. Motion by Little and seconded by Balmes to pay the Accounts Payable bills in the amount of \$19,304.15, checks #26823-#26824, with the exception of the payment to M & M Snowplowing as there is the question of why we were plowed 3 times in December when we did not have any snow. His payment should be held until he corrects the invoice. Roll call vote with all ayes, motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Discussion on recycling.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Sharon K. Hartman
Clerk