

BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 12, 2013

The Beaver Creek Township Board held its regular meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at 10:00 am. Board members present: Ashton, Van Nuck, Little, Raybuck and Hartman. There were 9 residents present.

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

Motion by Raybuck and seconded by Van Nuck to approve the minutes from the October 8, 2013 meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Van Nuck has attended several treasurers meetings and stated that she has learned a lot. Because townships no longer use two tax accounts she is requesting approval to close one. Motion by Raybuck and seconded by Little to allow the treasurer to close the tax money market account with proceeds going into the tax account at Chemical Bank. Roll call vote with all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Raybuck and seconded by Little to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Roll call vote with all ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer also stated that the township needs a new Investment Policy every four years. She feels that we need a policy on our mileage reimbursement and that it should be at the federal rate.

The new BS&A Program will be installed in the treasurer's office tomorrow.

Clerk's Report:

IT Pro is looking at what upgrades we need for our software, estimating \$125 per station. Motion by Raybuck and seconded by Hartman to purchase complete Office programs necessary for five computers. Roll call vote with all ayes, motion carried.

Supervisor's Report:

The pension issue of non-payment to the full time employees is being worked on and the information compiled by the clerk's office has been given to Attorney Smith on 11/8/2013.

The supervisor has been in contact with Weyerhaeuser and Georgia Pacific regarding picnic donations.

He has also attended recycling meetings, supervisor's meeting, road commission meeting and been instrumental in getting the new locks on the building.

HLUA:

Because of township meeting date change, the HLUA will not meet until tomorrow.

Fire Department:

Crawford County has passed a "Fire Wise Program" to help keep the community safe. The plan will get help from grants to help with the program. The fire chief will get the plan to the board for review when he receives it. The county will request that the township implement and adopt the "Fire Wise Program."

DPW:

The DPW is currently winterizing equipment for the winter months.

Planning/Zoning:

One ZBA request was denied on October 15th. There are been two zoning permits issued. Motion by Raybuck and seconded by Hartman to allow the zoning administrator to access the zoning part of the assessing.net program from his home computer. Ayes: Ashton, Raybuck, Little and Hartman. Nay: Van Nuck. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

1. CECD
2. Recycling minutes
3. DNR Gas Lease
4. DEQ Fracking letter

Old Business:

1. Discussion regarding changes to the zoning ordinance. Raybuck does not like the square footage change from 924 to 700 nor the pole building restriction. Welt and Little explained the reasoning for changes. Motion by Van Nuck to accept the changes and send it back to the planning commission to hold the public hearing. Ayes: Ashton, Little, Van Nuck and Hartman. Nay: Raybuck. Motion carried.

2. Attached is a copy of the current Agreement between the township and Kelly's Clean Cut Lawn and Snowplowing for November 13, 2013 through November 13, 2014 showing snow removal to walkways having been added. The date in #6 of the agreements needs to be corrected.

3. Discussion regarding the Recycling Surcharge Resolution prepared by our Attorney. Motion by Raybuck and seconded by Hartman to pass said Resolution adding the amount of \$6.00 per improved parcel (\$1.50 already being collected for recycling so this will add \$4.50 only). Roll call vote with all ayes, motion carried.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, Crawford County has authorized by resolution the collection of a recycling surcharge pursuant to Public Act 69 of 2005 (MCL 124.508a(1); and

Whereas, that statute authorizes a township to comply with such a County recycling surcharge, MCL 124.508a(6); and

Whereas, Beaver Creek Township wishes to collect, receive and disburse such recycling surcharge monies in compliance with the County recycling plan; and

Whereas, the amount of the recycling surcharge to be collected with the 2013 winter taxes is six dollars (\$6.00);

Therefore, it is resolved by Beaver Creek Township that the sum of six dollars (\$6.00) for a recycling surcharge shall be assessed and collected with the 2013 winter tax bill as provided by the Crawford County Board Resolution of June 27, 2013, and in compliance with Public Act 69 of 2005.

5. A copy of the new "Employee Policy" is attached and will be on the December agenda asking for board approval.

New Business:

1. Motion by Ashton and seconded by Van Nuck to have John Buggs remove the dead trees in the front yard and take the wood, on his own time. All ayes, motion carried.

2. Motion by Van Nuck and seconded by Little to allow "hobby groups" use of the community center, when it is not in use otherwise, for \$150.00. Roll call vote with all ayes, motion carried.

3. Motion by Raybuck and seconded by Van Nuck to approve of giving away the old computers, plus other old electronics, in the storage room. Roll call vote with all ayes, motion carried. They are going to be given to Jerry Ketchmark who recycles old computers for senior citizens and gives them away free of charge. Patrick at IT Pro has checked and removed what needs to be done before disposal.

4. Request from G.R.I.P. for donation. No action taken.

5. Motion by Ashton and seconded by Hartman to reimburse the assessor \$54.95 for a "Tablet Docking Station". Roll call vote with ayes, motion carried.

6. Motion by Van Nuck and seconded by Hartman to pay the Accounts Payable invoices in the amount of \$21,183.10, checks #28717 through #28751. Roll call vote with all ayes, motion carried.

We had several comments from residents.

Meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

Sharon K. Hartman, Clerk