

**Beaver Creek Township
Regular Meeting January 13, 2015**

The Beaver Creek Township Board held its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 10:00 am. Board members present: Ashton, Hartman, Van Nuck, Little and Riley. There were 6 guests present.

Announcement that there will be a benefit dinner for Tony Warren, January 31st, 1:00-4:00 pm in Grayling at the American Legion Hall. Desserts and auction items are needed.

AGENDA:

The clerk asked to add one more check to accounts payable amount, (#29557) for a total of \$23,553.09. Motion by Little and seconded by Van Nuck to approve the agenda with the one change. All ayes, motion carried.

MINUTES:

Motion by Van Nuck and seconded by Riley to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2014, meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Van Nuck and seconded by Riley to approve the minutes from the December 18, 2014, meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Motion by Hartman and seconded by Riley to accept the treasurers report as presented. All ayes, motion carried. We received an additional \$13,000 in swamp tax this year.

CLERKS REPORT:

There will be an election on May 5, 2015 requesting a raise in the Michigan sales tax from 6% to 7%.

SUPERVISORS REPORT:

The street light is up at the rail road track and W. 4 Mile Road. A particle board factory is looking at property in Grayling Township.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

There was a structure fire at Warren's home with all fire departments working together very well.

The current 911 director, Undersheriff Kraycs, is trying to get the Reverse 911 Program up and running.

DPW:

There have been issues with the scanner, but it is now up and running. The compactor is working well and the metal has been hauled out.

The blinking street light at the corner of Higgins Lake Drive and Old 27 is fixed and working.

PLANNING/ZONING:

The zoning office has been quiet and complaints are being worked on. Mr. Johnson will attend the Firewise meeting tomorrow.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Notice of Hearing by Consumers Energy Company
2. Amended Water Pollution Tax Exemption Certificate Linn Operating, Inc.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Ashton and seconded by Little to continue our contract with Attorney Greg Meihn for another year. Roll call vote with all ayes, motion carried.

2. Motion by Hartman and seconded by Little to have the supervisor negotiate with the **school districts for summer tax collection**. All ayes, motion carried.
3. Assessor Clayton McGovern explained **the tax appeal by CLK Enterprises/Carroll Knight** and the request to lower their value from approximately \$7,000 per acre to \$1,300 per acre. There have been no sales in that area and the County Equalization has already lowered the value. Motion by Little and seconded by Van Nuck to approve the settlement of three parcels of land owned by CLK Enterprises as follows, for tax year 2014: Parcel #20-050-009-020-00 TCV \$72,346, Parcel #20-050-011-020-00 TCV \$32,594, Parcel #20-050-005-012-020-00 TCV \$66,600. Roll call vote with all ayes, motion carried.
4. Discussion regarding a proposal from M.C. Planning & Design for **updating our master plan**, in the amount of \$6,500. Motion by Riley and seconded by Van Nuck to table the matter for more information.
5. Motion by Riley and seconded by Hartman to accept ownership of **two foreclosed parcels of land in Indian Glens**, Parcels #052-520-000-327-00 and 351-00. Roll call vote with all ayes, motion carried. The supervisor has inspected the properties and they are vacant, free of junk/debris and there will be no property taxes to be paid by the township. The supervisor will notify the county of our decision.
6. Motion by Van Nuck and seconded by Riley to accept **the Poverty Guidelines Resolution** for the year of 2015, with amounts as presented. Roll call vote with all ayes, motion carried.

**BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP
AMENDED POVERTY GUIDELINES RESOLUTION**

For the year 2015

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 January 2015, as follows:

SECTION B

The following are the poverty thresholds as of December 31, 2014, for use in setting Poverty Exemption Guidelines for 2015 income levels:

NUMBER OF PERSONS RESIDING IN HOMESTEAD	ANNUAL ALLOWABLE INCOME
1 person	\$11,670
2 persons	15,730
3 persons	19,790
4 persons	23,850
5 persons	27,910
6 persons	31,970
7 persons	36,030
8 persons	40,090
For each additional person, add	4,060

SECTION C

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

7. Motion by Little and seconded by Van Nuck to have the clerk sign the **Release and Indemnification Agreement** from White and Wojda regarding pension claims check, upon approval of our attorney. Roll call vote with all ayes, motion carried.
8. Motion by Ashton and seconded by Riley that when the membership of the Grayling Charter Township/Beaver Creek Township Utilities Board is established, that the township **loan \$500.00 to the Utilities Board** for incidentals and Grayling Charter Township will loan the same amount. Roll call vote with all ayes, motion carried. Members will be Howard Taylor, Edward Holtcamp, alternate Bob Koutnik, at-large member Joe Wakeley, and from Grayling Charter Township, Jim Robson, Kurt Jansen, alternate J.C. Millikin.
9. Motion by Little and seconded by Riley to pay the accounts payable in the amount of \$23,553.09, check #29526 thru #29557. Roll call vote with all ayes, motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

John Small asked how the financing of the pension plan will work.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 am.

Sharon K. Hartman, Clerk

**BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL MEETING JANUARY 21, 2015**

The Beaver Creek Township held a special meeting on January 21, 2015 at 10:00 am. Board members present: Ashton, Hartman, Van Nuck, Little and Riley. There were two guests.

The purpose of the special meeting was to handle pension judgment financing.

Motion by Little and seconded by Van Nuck to approve the agenda as presented.

1. Motion by Hartman and seconded by Ashton to approve payment of \$106,923.62 money received from HCC Public Risk Claim Service, Inc. to Braun Kendrick Finkbeiner PLC in Trust for E Holtcamp, et al, towards payment of pension judgment amount. Roll call vote with all ayes, motion carried.
2. Motion by Hartman and seconded by Ashton to approve the amount of \$72,000.00 which is a loan from 101 general fund to 206 fire department special assessment fund, to Braun Kendrick Finkbeiner PLC in Trust for E Holtcamp, et al, towards payment of pension judgment amount. Roll call vote with all ayes, motion carried.

10:16 am-Motion by Little and seconded by Van Nuck to go into closed session with our attorney Greg Meihn. All ayes, motion carried.

10:22 am-Motion by Riley and seconded by Ashton to return to open session. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Little and seconded by Van Nuck to reimburse Supervisor for medical expense. All ayes, motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

1. Weatherly asked what is the exact amount of loan to fire department and why is coming out of 206?

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 am.

Sharon K. Hartman, Clerk

January 21, 2015

Closed Session During
Spec mtg w/ Atty. Mueller

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Supervisor for medical expense. All ayes,

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