

**BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING MARCH 10, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Beaver Creek Township Board was held on Tuesday, March 10, 2015, called to order by the supervisor at 10:00 am. Board members present: Ashton, Hartman, Van Nuck, Little and Riley. There were 8 guests present.

The Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation were led by the supervisor.

**AGENDA:**

Motion by Little and seconded by Van Nuck to accept the agenda as presented, with one change: #10 changes the accounts payable amount to \$23,452.12, ending check #29670. All ayes, motion carried.

**GUESTS:**

Larry Fox, C2AE, stated that for the new Utility Authority being set up, they will need a feasibility study, baseline engineering work to determine construction costs, as soon as possible. He discussed water and sewage plans.

Ed Holtcamp, Chair of the new Utility Authority, stated that the new college is moving forward quickly and they are anxious to get things done. Greg Meihn will serve as the Utilities legal counsel.

Amy Swainston, Recreation Trails Specialist, DNR, reported on the proposed bike trail connector at the North and South State Parks which will connect bike trails around Higgins Lake and into the Governor's Bike Trail plan.

**MINUTES:**

Motion by Riley and seconded by Little to approve the minutes from the February 10, 2015 meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

Motion by Little and seconded by Riley to accept the treasurer's report. All ayes, motion carried.

**CLERKS REPORT:**

There will be a Statewide Ballot Proposal on the May 5, 2015 Special Election, changing gasoline taxes and increasing the sale/use tax to 7%. Absentee ballots should be available around March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Also, the board needs to work on the budget for the next fiscal year.

**SUPERVISORS REPORT:**

The supervisor attended programs on the Firewise Program, Recycling, new Utilities Authority and working on the restoration of Pere Cheney Cemetery. We had 70 broadband surveys returned.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

There will be training for those who will do home inspections for the Firewise Program.

**DPW:**

Still waiting for the cleanup day bids, this is scheduled for June 20th.

**PLANNING/ZONING:**

The zoning office has issued two permits.

The zoning administrator requested to start working three days per week, April 1<sup>st</sup>, only if needed. Motion by Ashton and seconded by Little to allow the zoning administrator to work three days if necessary, effective April 1<sup>st</sup>. Roll call vote with all ayes, motion carried.

Little explained that the planning commission has been very busy working on adding to the "pool" section of the zoning book, adding definitions, and working on a camping permit, all with the help of the zoning administrator. These items will be on next month's agenda, giving the board time to review said documents. The Planning Commission will be working on the Master Plan, in April.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Tax commission audit-AMAR  
Grayling Charter Township Master Plan  
Proposed Oil & Gas Lease Auction  
New 911 Tentative Plan  
Annual Rural Elected Officials meeting

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Motion by Ashton and seconded by Little to loan the new Utilities Authority \$3,750.00 for a preliminary engineering study. Roll call vote with all ayes, motion carried. This money will only be spent when an invoice is submitted to the township for payment. Grayling Charter Township approved the same amount earlier in the month.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Motion by Hartman and seconded by Little to have the Clerk and Treasurer sign Exhibit A, Bond Form for Beaver Creek Township 2015 Judgment Bonds. Roll call vote with all ayes, motion carried.
2. Motion by Little and seconded by Riley to sign the DNR Letter of Support for the application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund in support of a "North and South Higgins Lake Regional Trail Connector" (Bike trail). Roll call vote with all ayes, motion carried.

**RESOLUTION-LOCAL SUPPORT FOR DNR MNRTF PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, The Beaver Creek Township Board supports the Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) submission of an application titled, "North and South Higgins Lake Regional Trail Connector" to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for the development of the Regional Trail Connector thru North and South Higgins Lake State Parks; and,

WHEREAS, the location of part of the proposed project is within the jurisdiction of Beaver Creek Township; and,

WHEREAS, with this resolution of support it is acknowledged that Beaver Creek Township is not committing to any obligations; financial or otherwise.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The Township of Beaver Creek hereby supports submission of a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Application titled "North and South Higgins Lake Regional Trail Connector" by the DNR.

No action taken on zoning changes at this time as the board will look at the proposed "Ordinance changes" from the Planning Commission regarding swimming pools and camping.

3. Discussion regarding the Planning Commission per diem of \$25.00. Little feels this should be raised to \$50 for members and \$60 for the chair and secretary. South Branch pays \$35/\$45, Lovell's \$47, Frederic \$35, Grayling Charter \$50 and Gerrish \$60/\$70. A motion was made by Riley, but rescinded and the board agreed to bring this matter up during budgeting for the next fiscal year.
4. Motion by Van Nuck and seconded by Ashton to proceed with picnic plans and try to raise money to hold it. All ayes, motion carried. Riley will talk to the Moose regarding a donation. There is currently a balance of \$630.94 in the account and Riley pledged an additional \$200.
5. Motion by Hartman and seconded by Van Nuck to purchase floor new mats for the community center and where needed, not to exceed \$400.00. Roll call vote with all ayes, motion carried.
6. Motion by Little and seconded by Van Nuck to purchase a new shredder for the front office, not to exceed \$200.00. Roll call vote with all ayes, motion carried.
7. Motion by Riley and seconded by Little to pay the accounts payable in the amount of \$23,452.12, checks #29628 thru #29670. Roll call vote with all ayes, motion carried.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

John Small-What will millage be on pension payback?

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 am.

Sharon K. Hartman, Clerk

BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP SPECIAL MEETING  
MARCH 20, 2015

The Beaver Creek Township Board held a special meeting on Friday March 20, 2015 at 10:00 am. Board members present: Ashton, Hartman, Van Nuck and Riley. Absent: Little. The fire chief was also present.

The purpose of the meeting was to consider passing of the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Judgment Bonds.

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

Motion by Hartman and seconded by Riley to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Judgment Bonds as presented, from Clark Hill. Discussion. Roll call vote with all ayes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:08 am.

Sharon K. Hartman, Clerk

**BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP ELECTION COMMISSION  
MEETING MARCH 25, 2015**

The Beaver Creek Township Election Commission held a Special Meeting on March 25, 2015 at 10:00 AM. Election Commission members present: Ashton, Van Nuck, absent Hartman. Deputy Clerk Schram was also present.

The purpose of the meeting was to choose election workers for the May 5, 2015 Special Election.

1. Motion by Ashton and seconded by Van Nuck to ask the following to work that day:
  1. Norma Pless, Chair
  2. Marian Hilliker
  3. Gerry Toman
  4. Kay Wood
  5. John Welt
  6. Jim Lawless

Alternates: Paula Capling and Donna Schnoor. Ayes: 2, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:06 AM.

Hope Schram, Deputy Clerk