

CRYSTAL TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

August 12, 2009 Meeting

1. Call Meeting to order at 7pm by Supervisor Braman
2. Motion by Lance second by Naumann to approve the Agenda with the addition of Item 11e Ordinance 15 moved to the Parking Lot and 2 items added to New Business j. Brush Truck Brush Guard and winch k. Wastewater Fowl. AYES: ALL
3. Motion by Naumann second by Stone to approve the Minutes of the July 8, 2009 Regular Township Meeting AYES: ALL
4. Motion by Naumann second by McCracken to approve the Minutes of the July 29, 2009 Special Township Meeting AYES: ALL
5. Motion by Lance second by McCracken to approve Township Bills with the removal of the bills to Don Cooper, Sandy Raines and Carrie Wills (these are sewer bills) AYES: ALL
6. Motion by Lance second by Naumann to approve Crystal/Duck Lake Wastewater Bills AYES: ALL
7. Reports
 - a. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented by Stone second by McCracken AYES: ALL
 - b. Police report presented by our new officer Jamie Grinzinger
 - c. Fire Department Lonny Fitzpatrick reported that there were 2 meetings and 1 Hazmat
 - d. Wastewater: Dan Eller reported that the newly configured mower is working great on the lagoons. That the wastewater plan was denied it's application for a credit card.
 - e. Parks and Recreation: Jeremiah Stone gave an update, during discussion it was decided to change the informational brochures to include information regarding pledges.
8. Unfinished Business
 - a. Assess Condition of Wastewater System
 - i. RFP's were sent out with an end of August return deadline
 - b. Motion by Naumann second by Stone to hire Chuck Zemla for the position of Assessor for Crystal Township. AYES: ALL
 - c. Motion by Naumann second by Lance to hire Kevin Loomis for the position of Assistant Wastewater Operator. AYES: ALL
 - i. Motion by Stone second by Lance to pay the Assistant Wastewater Operator \$9.50 an hour AYES: NONE NAYES: ALL
 - ii. Motion by Stone second by Naumann to pay the Assistant Wastewater Operator \$9.25 an hour AYES: ALL Performance will be evaluated at the end of the 90 day Orientation Period and reported to the Township Board by Wastewater Supervisor Eller at the conclusion of the Orientation Period.
 - d. Motion by Lance second by McCracken to pay 2/3 of the cost (bid was \$2270) for the railing at the Dragonfly/Papa's Tackle Box on Lake Street. AYES: ALL The DDA at their meeting earlier in the month agreed to pay 1/3 of the cost.
 - e. Noll Park
 - i. Motion by McCracken second by Naumann to tear down the existing out house, remove the tank and level the area, planting grass . AYES: ALL Roger Gooding was asked to get estimates from 3 contractors to have this work done.
 - ii. Roger is continuing to work on the Pony League outfield fence, indicating that there are areas that need to be repaired. Curt indicated that he would be willing to donate his per deim for extra meetings to help in this expense.
 - iii. Naumann reported that he did not have the quotes for the Back Stop Project.
 - f. Roger presented some information on the DPW New ¾ ton truck with plow. Lance will get pricing information from the state purchasing program.

- g. Motion by Stone second by McCracken to purchase Pontem software for the Wastewater Plant. AYES: ALL (software: Payroll, Accounts Payable, General Ledger)
 - h. It was decided to get more information before acting on the contracts from the Montcalm County Road Commission. McCracken will get additional pricing on Sloan Road from Condensery to Muskrat and Pakes Road between Waldron and Pine Grove
9. New Business
- a. Motion by Naumann second by Stone to accept Marv Sandborn's resignation from the Recreation Committee. AYES: ALL
 - b. The Audit engagement letter from Yeo & Yeo was agreed to
 - c. Motion by Stone second by McCracken to pay 50% (\$2985) of the Maintenance/Enhancement bid for the downtown decorative streetscape. AYES: ALL The other 50% of this bid from Solid Concrete will be paid by the DDA.
 - d. Motion by Lance second by McCracken to approve the Resolution allowing the transfer of the Liquor license from Steven and Diane Finch to Joshua and Deanna Finch. AYES: ALL
 - e. Upon review of ordinance #9, #15A, and #16 it was the position of the Township Board that Steve Finch's plans to build on lot 15 of Supervisor Teed's Platt is not in violation of these Township Ordinances. Clerk Naumann was directed thought to check with our newly hired Assessor before speaking to Steve.
 - f. Motion by Stone second by McCracken to purchase 2 - 6 foot tables \$120 each and a shredder at \$249. AYES: ALL
 - g. Dan presented some pricing for furniture he needs at the wastewater plant. It was agreed that the board members would visit the wastewater plant and review this proposal further.
 - h. The Sewer Advisory Committee recommended raising Crystal O & M to \$54 a quarter. Motion by Naumann second by McCracken to keep the current quarterly rate of \$45 for the next year. AYES: ALL This decision was made following discussion of past budgets and the many changes that have taken place this year.
 - i. It was decided to wait till after the Town Hall Committee meets and possibly put out an RFP for both the Library and Town Hall Painting
 - j. Lonnie Fitzpatrick presented bids for a brush guard and winch for the new fire department brush truck. Clerk Naumann was directed to meet with Lonnie and Woody's Machine Shop to review his bid.
 - k. Motion by Naumann second by Stone to allow goose hunting at the Wastewater Lagoons. Who gets to hunt at the lagoons will be determined by a lottery advertised in the Gazette. AYES: ALL
10. Public Comment
- a. Larry Fate indicated that the Lions Club may have some money to donate to the Crystal Youth League. Pam Greenhoe asked about the Wastewater software that was approved. Buck Last indicated that we should be talking to Greg Ray about the Town Hall.
11. Motion by McCracken second by Lance to adjourn. AYES: ALL 9:17 PM