

## MINUTES OF CRYSTAL TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

December 10, 2008

### Call Meeting to order

Supervisor Charlie Braman opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Charlie Braman, Dennis Lance, Bob Naumann, Curt McCracken, Jerry Stone

Absent: None

### Public Comment:

Cliff Fry and Pat McShosh spoke in favor of Dan Eller, requesting that the Board consider reinstatement of Dan to the Sewer Operator position

### Approve the Agenda:

Added item e under New Business, Automatic/electronic payments of Consumers, CenturyTel, State of Michigan. Motion to accept agenda as amended by Jerry Stone and seconded by Curt McCracken. Motion passed 5/5

### Approve Minutes of November 12, 2008 Regular Board Meeting

Motion by Lance, supported by Naumann to approve the November 12, 2008 Township Minutes as presented. Motion passed 5/5.

### Approve Township Bills

Motion by Lance, supported by Stone to authorize payment of Township bills as presented with the addition of Law Weathers & Richardson for \$1769.55. Motion passed 5/5

### Approve Crystal and Duck Lake Sewer Bills

Motion by Lance, supported by McCracken to pay Crystal Sewer Bills as presented. Motion passes 5/5.

### Reports

Fire Department met twice and had 3 runs. The Police Report was available for the public. The DPW reported on damage to a decorative light. DDA had a written report available and the Sewer District reported that Grinder Station #8 was complete.

### Unfinished Business

Braman reported that Dennis Walker no longer wanted the 1968 American Pumper. As directed by the Board in the November Meeting Supervisor Braman asked the second highest bidder, Brian Woodman if he still wanted to purchase the truck. Brian was interested and will pay \$500. Upon sale Mr. Woodman will agree to remove Crystal Fire Department identification on the door.

### New Business

#### Fire Barn Well Estimates

It was agreed that since the bids were 4 and 8 months old to create new bid specifications. Naumann will get with Chief Fitzpatrick to draft the bid specs

#### Road End Ordinance

The Street vacation case before Judge Miel requires that the use of these Road Ends be defined. If the Township does not proceed with a Road End Ordinance Judge Miel could make those decisions. The Board will look into this matter further.

#### Reinstatement request from Thomas Wilson regarding Dan Eller

Discussion: Braman stated that we need more information from our attorney regarding the procedure leading to Mr. Eller's dismissal. McCracken stated that Dan deserves his job back. Naumann was in agreement with Braman that we need more information from our attorney and insurance company. Lance felt that we need more information but that Dan deserved his job back. Stone raised many concerns, is there an investigation going on, did Dan have a contract? Motion by McCracken to give Dan his job back, supported by Lance. Discussion about whether the motion included back pay. Motion was amended by McCracken to: Hire Dan back without back pay. That additional information from the attorney would be sought advising us on the back pay issue. Supported by Lance. Motion

defeated 3/5 Roll call vote: Braman NO, Naumann NO, Lance YES, McCracken YES, Stone NO

Motion by Lance, supported by Stone to seek a legal opinion from our attorney and insurance company regarding the methods utilized to dismiss Mr. Eller and liabilities that the Township may incur. Motion passed 5/5 Roll Call vote: Braman YES, Naumann YES, Lance YES, McCracken YES, Stone YES

#### Downtown Light Damage

Naumann will get with the insurance company and proceed to have this repaired.

#### Automatic/Electronic payments

Motion by Naumann, supported by Lance to look into the electronic payments for Consumers, CenturyTel, State of Michigan, and Speedway. Motion passed 5/5 Naumann will report back in January.

#### Public Comment

Stone encouraged the public to put in writing the things you would like to see the Board do.

Braman mentioned that we could use additional Board of Review Members

Heard from many of the people in attendance compliments on our professional manner in handling the events of the meeting and glad to see that we were gathering additional information in regards to Dan Eller's reinstatement. Suggestion to establish a committee to work on the Road End Ordinance. Braman introduced the new Township Board Members

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30