

CRYSTAL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, December 9, 2009
7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Clerk Naumann at 7:00 p.m. and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Dennis Lance, Bob Naumann, Curt McCracken and Jeremiah Stone.

Absent: Charles Braman

Public Comment:

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Stone, supported by Lance to accept the agenda with correction to new business, item g. correction of name to Lonny Fitzpatrick. Motion carried 4/4.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by McCracken, supported by Stone to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2009 meeting as presented. Motion carried 4/4.

Approval of Township Bills: Motion by Lance, supported by Stone to approve the township bills as presented. Motion carried 4/5

Approval of Crystal and Duck Lake Sewer Bills: Motion by Naumann, supported by McCracken to approve the Crystal and Duck Lake Sewer Bills as presented. Motion carried 4/4.

Reports:

Treasurer: Treasurer Lance gave the treasurer's report. Report accepted 4/4.

Police: Deputy Grinzinger gave an update on the escape of prison inmates on Tuesday, December 8, 2009 and the condition of the corrections officer.

Fire: Lonny Fitzpatrick gave a report of monthly fire department activity.

DPW: Roger Gooding reported that the DPW truck is in need of new tires and presented quotes from Trackside Auto and Discount Tire for replacement. Motion by Naumann, supported by Stone to approve the purchase of four Cooper, mud/snow tires for the DPW truck from Discount Tire for the amount of \$646.00. Motion carried 4/4.

Sewer District: Dan Eller reported that the mower and tractor are being prepped for repainting. He also reported an insurance audit was done for the Sewer District.

Sewer Advisory Committee: No report

DDA: No report

Chamber of Commerce: No report

Parks and Recreation: Stone gave an update on the Walk/Bike Path Proposal and provided pictures of an actual walk/bike path for the audience and board to review to give a better idea of how our proposed path would look. He also indicated that additional funds would be needed.

Duck Lake Improvement Board: No report

Town Hall Committee: Naumann reported that the committee would like have a "Community Work Day" and ask community volunteers to work together on repainting the Town Hall. He also mentioned that a professional may need to do initial prep work.

Unfinished Business: The Board reviewed the 90 day employee review for Kevin Loomis as presented by Dan Eller on the new employee evaluation form and all agreed it was a good and fair evaluation. Motion by Naumann, supported by Lance to increase Kevin Loomis from \$9.00 to \$11.00 per hour. *Discussion: Dan Eller suggested the board consider moving to a yearly salary as a method of pay instead of paying hourly. Stone and Naumann agreed that it would be best to set an annual salary.* All Nays, motion failed 4/4.

Motion by Lance, supported by McCracken to increase Kevin Loomis's wage to an annual salary of \$24,960.00, retroactive to 11/15/09 (his actual 90 day anniversary date). Motion carried 4/4.

Snow Removal: Roger gave a map and report on the downtown snow removal, indicating where he currently plows and places snow. *Discussion: Naumann doesn't feel the southern area around the park needs to be plowed. The board asked Roger to figure the difference between the amounts of time spent plowing in the DDA area and the other areas in the Township. This will help the board determine how to approach the DDA on possibly helping to support the cost of plowing.*

Motion by Naumann, supported by McCracken to accept the map, excluding the area on the south side of Lake Street at the park. Motion carried 4/4.

Fire Barn Well: Motion by Lance, supported by McCracken to hire Crystal Clear Well Systems and Bogart Well Drilling (for a fee of \$50.00 each) to come out and do individual assessments on the well and provide reports that can be discussed at the next board meeting. Motion carried 4/4.

Sewer Office Furniture: Motion by Naumann, supported by Stone to approve the purchase of new office furniture for the sewer office from Arlond Ramar not to exceed \$1900.00. Motion carried 4/4.

New Business: Motion by Naumann, supported by Stone to approve the revised Police Contract with Montcalm County Sheriff's Department. Motion carried 4/4.

New DDA member Dave Powell was sworn in prior to the start of the meeting.

Motion by Stone, supported by McCracken to accept the Fire Assistance Grant of \$806.00 for the purchase of Pro Pack Hoses and a chainsaw and agreed the Board will match the \$806.00. Motion carried 4/4.

Motion by Naumann, supported by Lance to approve paying \$70.00 to any member of the Board of Review who would like to attend the Board of Review Training on February 8, 2010 in Mt. Pleasant. Motion carried 4/4.

Motion by Naumann, supported by McCracken to approve paying a fee of \$235.00 for any Township Board Member who would like to attend the MTA Annual Conference January 27-29. Motion carried 4/4.

Motion by Naumann, supported by Stone to approve opening a Township account with Elenbaas Steel Supply in Greenville. Motion carried 4/4.

Public Comments: Chris Johnston brought up the issue of overnight, trailer parking at the Fire Barn. Naumann asked Roger to get prices on custom signs that state there is to be no unauthorized parking.

Motion by Stone, supported by McCracken to approve \$660.00 for Dan Eller to attend a Rate Study Class. Motion carried 4/4.

Motion to adjourn by Stone supported by Lance. Motion carried 4/4