

CRYSTAL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, December 8, 2010
7:00 p.m.

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

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

Public Comment: None

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Stone, supported by McCracken to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried- all ayes.

Approval of the Draft Minutes of the November 10, 2010 Meeting: Motion by Naumann, supported by Stone to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried- all ayes.

Approval of Township Bills: Motion by Stone, supported by McCracken to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried- all ayes.

Approval of Crystal/Duck Lake Sanitary Sewer Bills: Motion by Stone, supported by Naumann to pay the sewer bills as presented. Motion carried- all ayes.

Reports:

Treasurer: Report handed out at meeting.

Police: Deputy Snyder reported on monthly police activity.

Fire: Fire Chief Lonny Fitzpatrick gave a report on Fire Department activity.

Well Update: No update at this time.

DPW: Roger Gooding reported on DPW work and showed the Board an antique table from the Town Hall that was refinished by Ms. Kristine Anderson.

Sewer District: Sewer Administrator Naumann reported on monthly Sewer District activity and progress on the new building. He also reported on the Confined Space Entry training.

Sewer Advisory Committee: Did not meet.

DDA: The DDA is working on plans for the Crystal Winter Fest on January 22, 2011.

Duck Lake Improvement Board: No meeting.

Correspondence: Clerk Naumann reported on monthly correspondence.

Unfinished Business:

Crystal Elementary School:

Survey Results: Motion by Naumann, supported by McCracken to close on the sale of the school. Motion carried- all ayes.

Use of gym for basketball and softball: Motion by Naumann, supported by Stone to allow these groups to use the gym at no cost until the Board establishes rental policies and potential fees. Motion carried- all ayes.

Library: The Board agreed that Clerk Naumann or Supervisor Braman should contact the library soon about moving into the School.

Head Start: The Board agreed that Head Start should also be contacted regarding use of the school.

Michigan Township Educational Conference: January 26-28. Clerk Naumann and Trustee Stone will be attending.

Equipment Loaning Policy: Motion by Naumann, supported by Stone to adopt the policy that there will be no loaning of Township equipment to private individuals and/or businesses. Motion carried- all ayes.

Volunteer Energy: Moved to Parking Lot.

New Business:

Country Kids 4H: Paula Plank presented a check for \$300 to the Board to be used toward purchasing playground equipment at Noll Park. Money was raised by the Country Kids 4H Pancake Breakfast.

Utilizing DPW to staff the Elementary Building: Supervisor Braman is looking into Green Thumb as a possible avenue for staffing the Elementary Building.

Contract with Kayle O'Meara: A suggestion was made that we contract with Kayle O'Meara for \$240 per year for boiler maintenance at the school and \$20/hour for on call service plus supplies. The Board agreed that they will contact Kayle for any immediate boiler needs but the Board will check into what types of licensing and/or certification he would need to have in order for the Board to formally contract with him for these services.

Public Comment:

Wayne Sherwood asked a question regarding his tax bill.

Pat McShosh suggested the Board consider fees for the school be based on square footage. She also asked for an explanation of the Video Franchise Agreement for communications.

Roger Gooding asked about taking vacation time in the last 2 weeks of December. The Board agreed and asked him to contact Chris Johnson to cover snow plowing during his time off.

Trustee McCracken suggested that the Township's Tax Assessor also be evaluated since all other Township employees receive evaluations.

Paula Plank suggested contacting Brian Smith regarding possible use of a well at his farm if the well at the Fire Barn can't be completed.

Lonny Fitzpatrick asked about loaning out tables from the Fire Barn to a citizen for use at her regular Yard Sales. The Board advised that the recently adopted policy prohibits this practice.

Motion by Lance, supported by Naumann to go into Closed Session at 8:24 p.m. for the purpose of property purchase negotiations with Todd Brooks. Roll Call: Curt McCracken, Dennis Lance, Bob Naumann, Charlie Braman, Jerimiah Stone. Motion carried- all ayes.

Motion by Naumann, supported by McCracken to go back into open session at 8:56 p.m. Motion carried- all ayes.

Adjournment:

Motion by Naumann, supported by Stone to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m. Motion carried- all ayes.