CRYSTAL TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 14, 2009

Call to order-

Supervisor Charlie Braman opened the meeting with the pledge at 7:03 p.m.
Members present: Charlie Braman, Dennis Lance, Bob Naumann,
Curt McCracken and Jerry Stone
Absent: None

Public Comment-

Marv Sanborn noted a concern that the minutes from the Sewer Advisory Meeting were not made public.

Approval of Agenda-

Correction to agenda approval for December 10, 2008 (not November 10, 2008)
Motioned by Stone, Supported by Lance to approve agenda as amended.
Motion passed 5/5

Approval of Minutes-

Motioned by Lance, Supported by Stone to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2009 meeting as presented.
Motion passed 5/5

Approval of Township Bills-

Motioned by Stone, Supported by Lance to authorize payment of Township bills as presented with the following additions:
Nan Haggerman- $98.96 (ck #15252) for W-2 supplies
State of Michigan- $372.84 (ck#15253) for Withholdings 941
Chemical Bank- $3557.98 (ck# 15254) for Withholdings 941
Motion passed 5/5

Approval of Crystal and Duck Lake Sewer Bills-

Motioned by Naumann, Supported by Lance to authorize payment of Sewer bills as presented.
Motion passed 5/5

Reports-

Fire Department indicated a need for 25 new, mandated vests. Cost per vest is $25.00-$30.00 each.

Correspondence-

Motioned by Stone, Supported by McCracken to authorize Lonnie Fitzpatrick to sign fire agreement.

Bob will obtain copies of employee handbook.

Unfinished Business-

The board went into closed session at 7:29 for the purpose of discussing the reinstatement request from Thomas Wilson regarding Dan Eller.
Roll Call- Unanimous. Motioned by Lance, Supported by McCracken to return to open session at 7:44. Charlie explained attorney/client privilege and that we will not give out copies. Dan was an At-will employee. The board action was in agreement with Michigan Law. The attorney mentioned the new board can do what they feel is appropriate. Charlie also informed us the Michigan State Police Department currently has an active investigation in regards to Dan Eller.
Motioned by Stone, Supported by Naumann to table the reinstatement request Regarding Dan Eller until the police investigation has been completed.
Motioned carried 5/5

Motioned by Naumann, Supported by Lance to appoint Bill Powell, Gary Gallagher and Vera Bogart to the board of review. John Ryan will serve as an alternate. Motion carried 5/5

Bob Naumann reported no progress on the Fire Barn well.

If interested in serving on the Road End Ordinance Committee, contact Bob Naumann or Charlie Braman.

New Business-

Motion by Naumann, Support by Stone to appoint Curt McCracken as the Road Commission liaison.

Motion by Naumann, Support by McCracken to appoint Jerry Stone as our Library Board representative.

Bob Naumann reported that Gerrit Bakker is requesting a reduction in fees for his FOIA request.

Jerry Stone and Bob Naumann will work on a proposal for Board of Review wages.

The Auditors report is still in the process of review.

Charlie will work with Roger to develop a policy regarding downtown snow removal.

Public Comment-

Dan Horricks was glad to hear from Pat about the tree fund.

Roger Gooding will check into a grant that GTE gives out for trees.

Cliff Frye expressed concern about the fact that we used the same attorney regarding the Dan Eller situation.

Roger Gooding stated he would like a copy of the employee handbook.

Pat McShosh expressed interest in being on the Road End Committee then Questioned if we should get another opinion, perhaps use the MTA for advice regarding the Dan Eller matter. Jerry Stone stated we are not going to move ahead on the matter at this time.

Debbie Powell questioned why we didn't use a different attorney in the Dan Eller matter.

Adjournment-

Motioned by Stone, Supported by Lance to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m.