

CRYSTAL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, July 8, 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: Lance, Stone, McCracken, and Naumann

Members Absent: Charlie Braman

Public Comment: Clerk Naumann gave an update on Charlie Braman's health.

Agenda Approval: Addition of Item J to new business Pontem Software for Sewer District. Motion by Lance, Supported by Stone to accept the agenda as amended. Motion carried 4/4.

Approval of Township Bills: Motion by Stone, Supported by McCracken to approve bills as presented. Motion carried 4/4.

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

Reports

Police: 4th of July went well, with four officers on duty during fireworks. No incidents reported. All hours/tickets are in the report.

Fire: 2 meetings, 3 fire runs.

DPW: Roger reported area township prices on grave openings for board consideration. Ferris: 300, Richland 250/350, Carson City 400, Sheridan 350. We had 17 funeral last year

Sewer District: Dan gave an update regarding mower upgrades for the sewer. Requested that utility bills be approved at this time until a new system is established for payment/approval of sewer bills.

Sewer Advisory Committee: none.

DDA: none

Chamber of Commerce: none

Parks and Recreation: Stone reported on walking/bike path. Signs will be posted with additional informational brochures. The brochure will outline the fund raising specifics of this project. Estimated cost would be \$25,000.

Duck Lake Improvement Board: none

Road End Ordinance Committee: recommendation by Naumann to remove this item from the regular report agenda. Naumann will send a letter to the committee to notify the board if there are any topics of further discussion.

Town Hall Committee: (Did not meet). Letters will be sent to committee members announcing next meeting on Wednesday, July 29th at 7:00- next meeting.

Correspondence:

1919 Chicken Law: Discussion regarding reimbursement for loss of livestock/animals.

Unfinished Business: Board is still awaiting response from Don Cooper regarding Wastewater Assessment. Dan Eller will follow up with Mr. Cooper on this issue.

New Business: Hiring of Assessor: Clerk Naumann reported that after researching the topic, an Assessor is legally an employee of the township, and therefore we need to post the position along with qualifications. The Sewer Operator position will be the same. Positions will be posted along with qualifications and meeting times will be posted. Ads will be posted in local papers and the MTA will be contacted regarding qualifications. A Special Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 29th 7 PM at the Crystal Town Hall to review applications.

Railing/Sidewalk at Dragonfly and Papa's Tackle Box: Clerk Naumann recommends that the board endorse this repair in the amount of \$2,270.00 and pass this information along to the DDA.

Motioned by Naumann, Supported by Stone to endorse the railing proposal from Solid Concrete.
Motion carried 4/4.

Irrigation Upgrade: Motion by Naumann, Supported by McCracken to approve up to \$2,200 for irrigation upgrades.

Sewer Credit Card: Motion by Naumann, supported by Stone to approve a credit card for the Sewer operator for the purpose of purchasing postage only. Motion carried 4/4.

Craig Fellows resignation/Sick Days: Motion by McCracken, Supported by Stone to not pay Craig Fellow for sick days. Motion Carried Aye- 3 Naye - 1. Motion by Stone, supported by Naumann to remove paragraph 3 of page 8 of the handbook regarding sick days. Motion carried 4/4.

Update by Naumann regarding Ordinance 15 re: waiver for lake access. Motion by Stone, supported by McCracken to hold special public hearing regarding Ordinance 15 on August 13th at 7:00 p.m. (Crystal Township Hall). Motion carried 4/4.

Crystal Youth League request for reimbursement for health license in the amount of \$324.00 is denied due to existing laws prohibiting this.

Requested maintenance of existing bathroom facilities. Recommendation was made to make a decision next month regarding filling in the existing facilities and bringing in another Porta-John.

Requested from the Youth League that the township take care of repair of outfield fence on the Pony League Field. Roger Gooding indicated that repair work has been done and he will look into it further clearing the vines and trees off of the fence.

Request for replacement of backstop: Youth League will give us prices on replacement of back stops for action at the next board meeting.

Pontem Software (Accounting software): Recommendation by Naumann to look at different software systems for township accounting and discuss at next board meeting.

Public Comments:

Roger Gooding asked about irrigation bill that was paid for by the sewer district, when damage was done by a private individual. Mr. Eller expects reimbursement and will update the board.

Chris Johnson raised question regarding access at Sweet Street. Also feels public comment portion of the meeting needs to be enforced by the Supervisor.

Paula Plank requested a copy of the township budget. Also questioned if Trustees are paid \$55.00 for special meetings and if there was going to be a severance package made available to Nan Hagerman regarding the elimination of her position. Also asked about a credit card resolution? The board will research resolutions regarding this matter along with other resolutions.

Kerin Naumann expressed appreciation to the board for their support of the Crystal Youth League facilities and activities.

Adjournment: Motion by Lance, Supported by Naumann to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.