

**CRYSTAL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, June 10, 2009**  
**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, Dennis Lance, Bob Naumann and Curt McCracken

**Members Absent:** Jeremiah Stone

**Public Comment:** *Wendy Blanchard* requested access for 6 lots @ NW Tac. The board asked that he look back to find paperwork regarding what year the original request was made. *Pat McShosh* asked about accountability regarding payment of sewer bills. The board said that the board approves bills before payment is made. *Roger Gooding* asked who is responsible for trash at the car wash and Burt Cemetery. *Paula Plank* spoke about the approval of bills.

**Agenda:** Addition to item 5 (item 5a- approve the minutes of the special meeting on June 2, 2009). Motion by Lance, supported by McCracken to approve the agenda as presented.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Lance, supported by McCracken to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 4/4.

**Approval of Township Bills:** Motion by Lance, supported by McCracken to approve the bills as presented with the following additions/changes: Ck. #15353 will be voided (originally made to EnRoute Emergency for emergency equipment). A new check (#15366) will be made to Lonnie Fitzpatrick as a reimbursement as he had already paid EnRoute Emergency for the equipment. Addition of check #15367 for \$411.60 to Bush Hardware for string trimmers and blades. Motion carried 4/4.

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

**Reports**

**Police:** On file.

**Fire:** Lonny Fitzpatrick reported regarding a new truck received for free from the DNR.

**DPW:** No report

**Sewer District:** Dan reported a replacement is needed for the cicle mower for the sewer. The board asked Dan to check with Bader & Sons on the cost for a replacement.

**Sewer Advisory Committee:**

**DDA:** On June 12, 2009 there will be a meeting at the Dragonfly Restaurant to discuss plans for a Winter Carnival.

**Chamber of Commerce:** The Chamber has published a Summer Celebration calendar of events going on in the Crystal area throughout the summer.

**Parks and Recreation:** No report

**Duck Lake Improvement Board:** Marv Sanborn reported regarding weed control on Duck Lake (chemical treatment and cutting). A time will be set soon for

**Road End Ordinance Committee:** Scheduled to meet Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00.

**Correspondence:** Posted at Town Hall. West Michigan Alliance asked if we want to be a member for an annual fee of \$50.00. Naumann asked that the board look into this to see how the board would benefit from joining.

### Unfinished Business:

- Don Cooper reported on drain maintenance and the new legislative act (Maintenance Limitation allowing \$5,000 per mile on designated drains).
- Resolution for repair of the Frost Drain with the following amendment: Cost to not exceed \$19,260.00. Motion by Lance, supported by McCracken to adopt the resolution.
- Roll Call: Lance- aye, Braman- aye, McCracken- aye, Naumann- aye, Stone- absent.
- Resolution for the repair of the Weibrauk Drain with the following amendment: Cost not to exceed \$57,300.75. Motion by Lance, supported by McCracken to adopt the resolution. Roll Call: Lance- aye, McCracken- aye, Naumann- aye, Braman- aye, Stone- absent.
- Motion was made by Naumann, supported by Lance to send RFP's to the 3 firms recommended by Don Cooper for Wastewater assessment and that a group consisting of Braman, Stone, Dan Eller and Don Cooper be assigned to look at the 3 firms. Motion carried 4/4.
- The Road commission proposed policy will be added to the special meeting agenda on June 24, 2009 at 7:00.

### New Business:

- Motion by Naumann, supported by McCracken to accept letter of resignation from Linda Miller, Crystal Township Assessor. Motion carried 4/4.
- Motion was made by Naumann, supported by Lance to accept the resignation of Craig Fellows, Assistant Sewer Operator with the following change: Compensation will include vacation and comp time but no sick time. **Discussion: Braman felt Craig should be compensated for the sick time as well. Lance felt that since the position was not eliminated and it was Craig's choice to resign, the board should not be obligated to also pay sick time.** Motion carried 3/4 (Braman- opposed).
- Motion made by Lance, supported by McCracken to approve payment of \$109.00 for mileage to Bob Naumann for travel to MTA workshop. Motion carried 4/4.
- Roger Gooding will check with area townships to find out their fees for grave openings before the board decides on whether or not to increase our fees.
- Resolution 2009-02 regarding the Crystal/Duck Lake Sewer Banking: Motion was made by Naumann, supported by Lance to adopt the resolution as presented. Roll call: Braman- aye, Stone- absent, Lance- aye, Naumann- aye, McCracken- aye.

### Public Comments:

*Lonnie Fitzpatrick* asked about progress on the well at the Fire Barn. *Ginny Walgren* asked about drain costs and qualifications to be a Township Assessor. *Ron Massanari* asked how the position of Township Assessor will be filled. *Ethel George* asked if pumpat the cemetery could be fixed so that it's operable. *Carolyn Fitzpatrick* asked if clean up will be part of the drain repair. *Dan Eller* talked to the road commission regarding manhole covers on North Shore Drive. The board asked that Dan come back with an estimate of costs to repair. *Bob Wright* asked if lines could be put near lakes for fire fighters.

Motion by Lance, supported by McCracken to adjourn the meeting at 8:45. Motion carried.