

CEDAR CREEK TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING JANUARY 12, 2021

Supervisor Linda Aerts called the Zoom meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. on Tuesday, January 12, 2021. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the roll call was taken.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Motion by Jarvis, supported by Kuziak to approve the Agenda.

ROLL CALL: Aye: Aerts, Kuziak, Jarvis, Wright, Foster.

PASSED.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Heather Jarvis, Stephanie Kuziak, Bob Wright, Linda Aerts, Peggy Foster.

RESIDENTS PRESENT: 4

MINUTES

MOTION

Motion by Kuziak, supported by Jarvis to approve the minutes from December 8, 2020.

ROLL CALL: Aye: Aerts, Kuziak, Jarvis, Foster; Wright rejoined the meeting at New Business.

PASSED.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer read her report and proposed a budget amendment to support a battery recycling grant in the amount of \$1,000. Both will be placed on file as presented.

MOTION

Motion by Kuziak, supported by Foster to approve the Treasurer's Report and the proposed budget amendment as presented.

ROLL CALL: Aye: Aerts, Kuziak, Jarvis, Foster; Wright rejoined the meeting at New Business.

PASSED.

DISBURSEMENTS

MOTION

Motion by Jarvis, supported by Foster to pay all regular bills for the month.

ROLL CALL: Aye: Aerts, Kuziak, Jarvis, Foster; Wright rejoined the meeting at New Business.

PASSED.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Building Department Report: Zoning Administrator Grabinski reported significant building activity in 2020 over that of 2019 – 103 permits versus 85.

Assessor's Report: Assessor Hicks continues to observe new construction sites, determine land values and economic factors to be applied to the 2021 assessment roll,

and prepare for the December Board of Review which was held outside. A training for Board of Review members will be held in early February.

CORRESPONDENCE – Clerk Kuziak had no new correspondence.

Supervisor Aerts stated that she received a letter and informational booklets from the Muskegon County Road Commission and was also pleased to accept a grant from the Robert D. & C. Corcoran Tuttle Fund of The Community Foundation for Muskegon County.

SUPERVISOR'S REMARKS: Supervisor Aerts announced she had a statement to deliver and that meeting participants, if they wished, could make comments during Public Comments regarding the Agenda Items. We have heard rumors that are being spread around the Township concerning the November 18, 2020 Planning Commission Meeting regarding the sale of a 45-acre parcel of land. It is our understanding that people are being told that the Planning Commission removed individuals from that meeting. I can assure you that this is a rumor. The individuals left this meeting in anger. They had, after attending several meetings, voiced their opinions on how they believed the sale of this property should be handled. They chose not to stay for the remainder of the meeting.

These individuals had an opportunity to speak during public comments, which they did. During the time of Commission Comments, they continued to speak; the chair of the Planning Commission (who is an attorney) reminded them that this was the time for the Commission Members to speak; it was at this time that the couple left in anger.

Supervisor Aerts noted that in the event someone is disruptive, (and this applies to all of our meetings) we first ask them to calm down and remind them of proper meeting protocols. If they do not do so, we tell them that we will call the authorities. Cedar Creek Township Officials or Staff do not escort someone out of the building for the sake of everyone's safety; we rely on trained law enforcement to do the work for which they are trained. Supervisor Aerts stressed that we are not trained to do the work of law enforcement and do not attempt to do it.

Supervisor Aerts noted that we sought the advice of our Township Attorney regarding the sale of this property, which was within the right of the Township's Master Plan. She also suggested that you think about what you would do if someone, your neighbor, intervened and told you whether or not you could sell your property or how or where you could place your home on your property.

Thank you – we will now resume the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

➤ Reappointment to Boards/Committees

MOTION

Motion by Kuziak, supported by Jarvis to reappoint Steve Kocher, Ron Aerts, and Cheryl Sloan to the Board of Review.

ROLL CALL: Aerts, Kuziak, Jarvis aye. Wright, Foster nay.

PASSED.

➤ Transfer Station & Recycling Center Closings

MOTION by Wright, supported by Jarvis to keep the Transfer Station open on New Year's Day and pay a bonus of 1 ½ times the rate of pay to the person working that day.

ROLL CALL: Aye: Aerts, Kuziak, Jarvis, Wright, Foster.

PASSED.

➤ Consideration of Changes to Noise Ordinance

Topic will be added to the February 9 Agenda to ensure it is complete and can be enforced by Law Enforcement.

MOTION

Motion by Wright, supported by Kuziak to approve moving the Noise Ordinance to the Board Meeting Agenda on February 9.

ROLL CALL: Aye: Aerts, Kuziak, Jarvis, Wright, Foster.

PASSED.

BOARD COMMENT

Trustee Foster spoke about the Senior Millage pass-through program and stated that she would keep us updated.

Supervisor Aerts stated that it would be wonderful to hold some of the events that we had planned prior to COVID-19; it depends on being able to hold events out of doors.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Chuck Luttrull commented on the after dark shooting and wanting to ensure that hunters will be allowed to continue to hunt raccoons and coyotes which is allowed during the night.

ADJOURNMENT

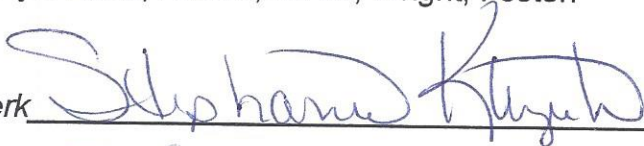
MOTION

Motion by Kuziak; supported by Wright to adjourn at 7:47 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Aye: Aerts, Kuziak, Jarvis, Wright, Foster.

PASSED.

Stephanie Kuziak, Clerk



Linda Aerts, Supervisor

