

CEDAR CREEK TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING - February 11, 2022

Supervisor Aerts called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 08, 2022. Stephanie Kuziak led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Trustee Wright, Treasurer Jarvis, Clerk Skinner, Supervisor Aerts.
Absent: Trustee Foster.
Guest: Ross Leisman, Esquire – Mika Myers

RESIDENTS PRESENT: 10

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

To amend the Agenda to include New Business concerning a Board Members residency status.

Motion by Wright, support Jarvis to allow discussion of Trustee Fosters' Residency concerns.

Aye: Unanimous.

Motion Carried.

MINUTES

MOTION

To approve the minutes of January 11, 2022.

Motion by Foster, support by Jarvis

Verbal Clarification on a Public Comment by Supervisor Aerts to explain the residency requirement for members of the Planning Commission.

Aye: Unanimous.

Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer read her report which will be placed on file as presented.

MOTION

To approve multiple budget amendments.

To accept more revenue driven by an increase in funds from inspections, mostly related to the gas line hookups.

Transfer of funds to cover training costs related to the Clerk change.

Transfer funds to fund computers to purchase a new computer system firewall.

Transfer funds to cover Plumbing and Electrical Salaries.

Motion by Wright, supported by Skinner.

Aye: Unanimous

Motion Carried.

To approve a proposal from All-IT to purchase and install a new Firewall.

Motion by Wright supported by Skinner

Aye: Unanimous

Motion Carried.

DISBURSEMENTS

MOTION to pay all regular bills for the month of February.

Motion by Wright, supported by Jarvis

Aye: Unanimous.

Motion Carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Zoning and Building Report, Assessors Report

Reports presented, accepted and included in this month's minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk Skinner - Update on the MRWA progress including an upcoming meeting on 04 March from 10:00 am to Noon here at the CCT Hall.

Trustee Wright – Planning Commission meeting 9 Feb.

Supervisor Aerts – Superintendent Bayne contacted Supervisor Aerts concerning a Potential for the insertion of a Sheriff's Deputy into the Holton School Buildings as a School Resource Officer. A partnership could possibly be developed with Michigan Adventure, Cedar Creek, Holton, and Blue Lake Townships to share in the costs.

MOTION to allow further discussion about this concept.

Motion by Wright, supported by Jarvis.

Aye: Unanimous

Motion Carried.

Supervisor Aerts relayed a communication about the funds being reduced for the Tire Drive that was previously presented. This will likely create an increased potential for out-of-pocket costs for our township. Date and number of trailers is still flexible.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Burnell Grieve would like to know more about the Maple River Project. He also asked about the PINS Officer. Muskegon County Sheriff's Deputy Hintz, Officer hired by CCT to maintain security, spoke to this topic for the residents and board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Gypsy Moths – Supervisor Aerts stated that Rob Ribbens did not find as much Gypsy Moth Egg mass as expected when he inspected our area. Costs are expected to be about half of what was originally anticipated. The County will not be covering the costs of spraying.

Township Park Grounds – Supervisor Aerts asked the Board to discuss the future work needed to make the Park Fields safer for use.

MOTION

To discuss the future of our Township Park Grounds.

Motion by Skinner support by Wright.

Discussion.

MOTION amended

To seek bids to improve the ballfields turf.

Motion by Skinner supported by Wright

Aye: Unanimous

Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation by Cedar Creek Township Attorney Ross Leisman with respect to a concern about Trustee Foster's legal Residence.

Document presented, Judgement of Divorce, a legal public document, which removes her from the 7176 Sweeter Rd. dwelling and awards this to her ex-husband Gary Foster.

A second public legal document was presented that Ms. Foster signed stating that she resides at 24 Wolf Lake Rd., in Eggleston Township.

She was invited to come speak with the Lawyer and Clerk Skinner and after attempting to set up a day/time at her convenience to meet, Ms. Foster refused. Trustee Wright stated that he spoke with her, and she indicated that she owned both dwellings. (Note – By law, Ownership does not establish Residency.)

Lawyer Leisman provided our direction forward as a Board.

Vacation of the seat by law is immediate and automatic.

MOTION That we refer this matter to the AG.

Motion by Skinner support by Jarvis.

Aye: Aerts Yes, Jarvis Yes, Wright Yes, Skinner Yes.

Golf Cart/ORV Ordinance Update

Update on the current status. We will be looking at State laws and neighboring townships' ordinances to move forward with an ordinance for CCT.

Board of Review reminder March 16 and 17 from 1:30 – 7:30 pm.

2022 Poverty Exemption approval.

MOTION to approve the Poverty Exemptions.

Motion by Wright, support by Jarvis

Aye: Unanimous

Motion Carried.

MOTION to approve the salary resolutions, attached, for the township officials. Each one separately.

Supervisor \$26,208.00

Motion Wright, support Jarvis

Clerk \$26,208.00

Motion Wright, support Jarvis

Treasurer \$26,208.00

Motion Wright, support Skinner

Trustees \$5,200

Motion Wright, support Jarvis
Aye: All passed Unanimously

Motions Carried.

BOARD COMMENT

Trustee Wright - None

Treasurer Jarvis – reminds everyone about the taxes being due.

Supervisor Aerts – Noise ordinance is not a gun ordinance. Capt. Brown was placed on the Task force due to his expertise in ordinance enforcement. Township has received 100 free Covid test kits to distribute to residents.

Clerk Skinner – commented that the transition is proceeding well. The investigation on Trustee Foster is a tough way to begin this job. Encouraged attendees to continue attending, but that there is also an open door at the township hall.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ron Morse spoke on behalf of Phil Morse, candidate for 102nd District Rep.

Burnell Grieve spoke about Gypsy Moths and Fosters Residency.

Stephanie Kuziak spoke about Fosters' residency and salary resolutions and inequity. (Trustee Wright responded.)

Cindy Bourdo spoke in support of the ORV and investigating Fosters residency.

Ron Aerts spoke to the necessity of building the Pole Barn prior to purchase of other equipment to facilitate proper care and storage. (Supervisor Aerts responded with a bit of ARPA funding updates which included Parks and Rec.)

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Motion by Trustee Wright, supported by Treasurer Jarvis to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Aerts adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

*Chuck Skinner, Clerk*_____

*Linda Aerts, Supervisor*_____