

Board Meeting  
Superior Township Regular Meeting  
July 18, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Walter Hyvarinen, Supervisor at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call of Board Members: Walter Hyvarinen, Supervisor, Mary A. Charles, Clerk, Kathy Munson Jones, Treasurer, Charles Compo and William Beaune, both Trustees.

Visitors: Arnold Mills, Richard Phillips, Rick Plunkett, Randy Pesola, Ken VanDusen, Wimpy Smith, Donald Gerrie, Jr., Moyra O'Pallie, Sadie Lefave, Elizabeth Church, Jim Miller, Frank Toms, Fire Chief, Deb Freedman, and Patty Hopper.

Liz Church, candidate for 91st District Court Judge, gave a short presentation on what her qualifications for judge are. Chuck Palmer was on the agenda for the same but was a no show.

During public comment Mrs. O'Pallie said Frank Toms is the best employee this township has had in the last 32 years. Mrs. O'Pallie also reported that Second St. has no street signs on it and that there are four public beaches on Shenandoah but you can only tell there is one. Somebody has taken two truck loads of sand off one of the beaches and left two large holes. She wondered if the township could make the public access to the beaches more noticeable so they don't look like private beaches.

Sadie Lefave wondered if the township could do anything about public transportation for those who don't drive and need to get to the Sault. It was discussed and decided that the township would send a letter of inquiry to EUPTA.

Wimpy Smith stated that his survey stake was taken out during the water project and he had been promised it would be replaced when the water project was completed. He has been asking the township about it for a few years now and it still hasn't been replaced. Jim Granger will have somebody here sometime within the next two weeks and they will be asked to check this out for us.

Frank Toms gave the fire report. Superior Township's Fire Department won the competition at LSSU. Frank also told the board the Fire Department needs gloves, training manuals, hoods, and helmet lights. The cost would come to around \$600.00. Motion by Kathy Munson Jones and supported by Charles Compo to approve purchase of said operating supplies at the cost of about \$600.00. Motion adopted with all members voting yes.

Motion by Charles Compo and supported by William Beaune to adopt the Agenda as presented with the addition of "Purchase of Lawn Mower" under Old Business. Motion adopted with all members voting yes.

Motion by Charles Compo and supported by Mary A. Charles to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting dated June 18, 2008. Motion adopted with all members voting yes.

Old Business:

Frank Toms reported that with permission from a couple board members they went ahead and purchased the new lawn mower because the one being used broke down again. R&R had the lowest bid and that's where the mower was purchased from. Motion by William Beaune and supported by Charles Compo to approve the purchase of the lawn mower from R&R. Motion adopted with all members voting yes.

Ken VanDusen was interested in buying the old mower from the township. Motion by Kathy Munson Jones and supported by Mary A. Charles to sell the old mower to Ken VanDusen for \$100.00. Motion adopted with all members voting yes.

Motion by Charles Compo and supported by William Beaune to deny the zoning board recommendation made at their July 7, 2008 meeting to give Arnold Mills permission to develop enough of the unimproved public alley on the south side of Jordan Beach to give him a radius to get the motor home in. The reason for denial was that the Chippewa County Road Commission will be doing work on Shenandoah which should take care of the problem.

Randy Pesola reported that there are 2,967 feet of sidewalk along M-221 in Brimley. The sidewalk is five feet wide. Approximately 200 feet of the sidewalk is good. It costs \$3.00 a sq foot to put new sidewalk down and \$2.00 a sq foot to dispose of the old. It would cost somewhere between \$70,000 and \$80,000 to redo the sidewalk. Motion by Charles Compo and supported by Mary A. Charles to approve re-doing the sidewalk(s). Motion adopted with all members voting yes.

Motion by William Beaune and supported by Kathy Munson Jones to appoint Lee Freedman and P.J. Jones to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion adopted with all members voting yes.

New Business:

Motion by Mary A. Charles and supported by Charles Compo to appoint Randy Pesola to the Zoning Board. Motion adopted with all members voting yes.

It was stated that Arnold Mills shouldn't have had to ask for a zoning board meeting to gain access to his property. Motion by Charles Compo and supported by Kathy Munson Jones to refund Arnold Mills his zoning fee. Motion adopted with all members voting yes.

Motion by Mary A. Charles and supported by Kathy Munson Jones to approve the tax levy resolution of 1.6277 mills. Motion adopted with all members voting yes.

Motion by William Beaune and supported by Charles Compo to purchase a steam cleaner for cleaning carpets for no more than \$200.00. Motion adopted with all members voting yes.

AA asked about using a cupboard at the town hall to store their belongings in. The board preferred they supply their own cupboard because of the dampness and water problem in the basement.

The problem with the road at Hillcrest Cemetery was discussed again. We will lose a few lots at the northwest and southwest ends unless we are willing to cut trees out of the way. Since these lots aren't sold yet and people seem to want to keep as many trees as possible the board decided to keep the trees and lose the lots.

The situation with the water analyzer and the Detour Water Department was discussed. It was suggested that we send a letter to each Township with a water system to see if anyone would be interested in purchasing it.

Reports:

Supervisor's Report:

Walter reported that he talked to Jesus' neighbor about the noise problem and the neighbor reassured Walter that he would put an end it.

Treasurer's Report:

Motion by Mary A. Charles and supported by William Beaune to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion adopted with all members voting yes.

Motion by Kathy Munson Jones and supported by William Beaune to pay the bills in the amount of \$24,928.41 (\$370.00 in Canadian Funds). Motion adopted with all members voting yes.

Clerk's Report:

Mary A. Charles had a cemetery deed that needed to be signed.

Motion by Charles Compo and supported by William Beaune to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 P.M.

Mary A. Charles, Clerk

