

Board Meeting  
Superior Township Regular Meeting  
May 21, 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: Frank Toms, Debbie Freedman, Patty Hopper, Ken VanDusen, Randy Pesola, Al Romeri, Steve Canello, Elva Hutzler, Frank Mantello, Rick Plunkett, Eric Routhier, Ed Schwiderson, Arnold Mills, Terin Salo, Peter Donnelly, Fred Kortman, Sadie LeFave, Don Gerrie, Sr., and Don Gerrie, Jr.

Steve Canello, candidate for 91<sup>st</sup> District Court Judge, passed out handouts and gave a short presentation on what he would do if he was elected for judge.

Al Romeri was present representing the VFW. He asked for a donation from the Township to help offset the cost of the purchase of new flags to hang down the main street in Brimley. Motion by Charles Compo and supported by Bill Beaune to donate \$500.00 to the VFW to purchase the flags. Motion adopted with all members voting yes.

Sadie LeFave spoke about her taxes and how she is taxed unfairly. It was explained to her that the law is being followed, that she is being treated the same as everyone else, and there is nothing that we can do differently.

Randy Pesola reported on road work in the Township. The subject of chloride also came up as we still have a few dirt roads in the Township. If we had wanted to order some thru the County the date was passed for us to be able to order it, so Randy was going to see if we could still purchase some. If so Randy will make up a load of brine to put on the portions of the roads that need it, Sullivan Creek Road being the main one that was discussed.

Arnold Mills was present to discuss a situation on Shenandoah with a piece of property that he had previously purchased. He is not able to get into his property with a large vehicle because of a structure that a neighbor built in the road right of way right beside where he would turn in. He presented pictures, surveys, maps, etc...to the Township Board. Walter Hyvarinen stated that the Township does not make decisions between neighbors and that Mr. Mills would have to get a lawyer and settle it in court. A Superior Township zoning member was present and disagreed with Mr. Hyvarinen. He feels like it is a zoning issue and that we need to enforce our zoning. The Zoning Board member also addressed the audience and suggested that these people work things out and work together as neighbors should.

Frank Toms, Fire Chief, gave his fire report. He reported that they had only had two runs. One was a grass fire on Midway Road and a car fire out on Spectacle Lake Road. The fire department has received their rescue boat and ice rescue equipment. The Coast Guard gave the fire department some training in the use of this equipment.

Frank Toms, water and sewer supervisor, reported that he has been dumping lagoons. He also reported that the engineering for the lift stations will be going back to Jim Granger, as Jim Granger is a bonded and insured engineer.

Motion by Bill Beaune and supported by Charles Compo to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion adopted with all members voting yes.

Motion by Charles Compo and supported by Kathy Munson Jones to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting dated: April 16, 2008. Motion adopted with all members voting yes.

Correspondence: A letter was received from the "Raco Residents" still wanting something done to somehow show "Raco" on the Hillcrest Cemetery sign. The Township Board discussed this and decided to leave things the way they are as there was research done as the sign was being planned out. It was decided that Superior Township is where the cemetery is located and with the Township Hall being in Brimley, this would be where you would inquire about the cemetery.

#### Old Business:

Making cemetery vaults mandatory was brought up once again. The feeling of the Board was not to make a vault mandatory as it isn't mandatory by law and it adds extra expense for the people.

#### New Business:

A proposal was presented from Fox Excavating for the Shenandoah project. There was not a total amount on this proposal, but was done according to connects and disconnects. At this point we are not sure how many connections there will be and our policy is that anything 5,000.00 or over go out for bids. Motion by Charles Compo and supported by Mary A Charles that this project be put out for bids as it will most likely be more than \$5,000.00. Motion adopted with all members voting yes.

A discussion was held on the way the road is running thru the cemetery at this time. The road has veered off from its original path thru the years and now there are grave sites that are in the road way. Frank was told to do what he needs to do to fix this.

Lagoon sampling for Continental Teves was brought up. Frank assured the Board that Continental Teves does this on their own now.

Motion by Charles Compo and supported by Kathy Munson to approve Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, Trustees, Zoning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals to attend the Michigan Planning Enabling Act Workshops. There will be two: one in St Ignace on

June 11<sup>th</sup> and one in Newberry on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Motion approved with all members voting yes.

Motion by Charles Compo and supported by Bill Beaune to accept the bid from Slater Construction for \$1,150.00 to put a new roof on the old part of the water and sewer building.

We had received paperwork from the County on a “first right of refusal” on a foreclosed piece of property. Kathy Munson will check this out to see how we are supposed to handle this.

Reports:

Supervisor’s Report:

Walter attended a USDA meeting in Trout Lake that had to do with grants and loans. He reported that there really aren’t any grants out there to speak of for Townships but that there are low interest loans available.

Walt also attended a Superior Shores Trail meeting. He reported that this will be a very slow project and that they will not be able to get much money.

Treasurer’s Report:

Motion by Charles Compo and supported by Bill Beaune to accept the treasurer’s report as presented. Motion approved with all members voting yes.

Motion by Mary A Charles and supported by Kathy Munson to pay the bills in the amount of \$21,815.10. Motion approved with all members voting yes.

Clerk's Report:

The Clerk reported on a brochure that was received from Advanced Cleaning Experts along with a gift bag. They are a restoration service and they wanted the Township to know that they now have an office in the Sault.

The Clerk also had a cemetery deed to be signed by the Board members.

Motion by Charles Compo and supported by Bill Beaune to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.