

Board Meeting
Superior Township Regular Meeting
September 10, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Walter Hyvarinen, Supervisor, at 7:05 p.m.

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

Visitors: Frank Toms, Deb Freedman, Patty Hopper, Lee Freedman, Sadie LaFave, Rich Phillips, Elizabeth Shelton, and Arnold Mills.

Frank Toms, Water and Sewer Supervisor gave his water and sewer report. He is getting ready to do the fall dumping of the lagoons and will be going to waste water training on the 23rd of September to keep up credits for his license.

Public Comment:

Sadie LaFave brought up public transportation again. She would like the township to provide public transportation from Brimley to the Sault. She isn't getting any help talking to E.U.P.T.A. Walter Hyvarinen said that they could be cutting back on services due to the price of gas. Ms. LaFave suggested that the Township purchase a bus from the school to provide transportation to the Sault. The Supervisor asked the Board if anyone wanted to put a motion on the floor to purchase a bus to transport Ms. LaFave to the Sault and the Board said no.

Elizabeth Shelton was present and voiced her concerns about all the cars being brought in to the property across the road from her house. Ms. Shelton reminded the Township Board that Jimmie Miller had been turned down for a junk yard on this property but he was still continuing to tow cars into the property. She stated that he probably had 30 or more cars on this property and is continuing to bring them in.

Changing the regular meeting day was discussed. Currently the Board meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. From now on a meeting date will not be changed unless it is done at a prior meeting as this is the legal way to do it. Our October meeting will be on the usual third Wednesday of the month but the Board decided to change the November meeting to the second Wednesday due to hunting season.

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

Motion by Kathy Munson and supported by Bill Beaune to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting dated August 20th, 2008 with a correction to the motion to allow Jimmie Miller to become a "distressed vehicle transporter." The motion should read "Motion by Kathy Munson Jones and supported by Bill Beaune to approve the location

for the dealer classification of “distressed vehicle transporter.” Motion adopted with all members voting yes.

Correspondence: The Township Board received a letter from Arnold Mills regarding his property on Shenandoah. The letter touched on what he has been through with this property and asked for an answer from the Board. Mr. Mills was told that the County is checking with an attorney on this issue and we are waiting to hear from them.

Old Business:

Jordan Beach Public Accesses—It was suggested that we somehow mark the public accesses in Jordan Beach. It was also suggested that we build some steps going down to the beach at the public access where our lift station is located as there is quite a drop down to the beach at this location. The Township Board asked for information to be brought to the next meeting on what the cost would be to have these public accesses surveyed.

Tom Farnquist: A letter from Mr. Farnquist had been presented at the August meeting regarding water and sewer charges that Mr. Farnquist felt he should not have to pay. This matter was discussed and the Township Board feels that they need to stand by our Ordinance. The Ordinance states that everyone hooked up to our water and sewer must pay the ready to serve charge as long as they are hooked up to our system. The Board asked that a letter be sent to Mr. Farnquist explaining what our Ordinance says. Motion by Mary A Charles and supported by Kathy Munson Jones to approve having Tom Farnquist pay his water and sewer bill. Motion adopted with all members voting yes.

Water/Sewer Rate Change: Discussion was held on raising water rates and lowering sewer rates to help our water fund bring in more money. It was decided that there should be more information brought to the next meeting.

New Township Attorney: Motion by Mary A Charles and supported by Kathy Munson Jones to approve hiring a new Township Attorney. The Township Board asked for some names and prices to be brought to the next meeting.

Recycling Trailer: There have been problems with people leaving garbage on the ground by the recycling trailer when the plastic compartment is full. Frank Toms was told that he could have a sign put up that explains that plastic can be put in other compartments when the plastic compartment is full.

Workmen’s Compensation Settlement: Motion by Mary A Charles and supported by Kathy Munson Jones to approve accepting the settlement of \$50,000.00 advised by the attorney on the previous Water and Sewer Superintendent. Motion adopted with all members voting yes.

Jimmie Miller/Distressed Vehicle Transporter paperwork: It was brought to the attention of the Township Board that the paperwork that they had approved at the last Township meeting for the location of the classification of “Distressed Vehicle Transporter” was

actually paperwork to be approved by the Zoning Board. Once this had been realized the State of Michigan was contacted as this is where the form had originated. The State of Michigan said that they needed location approval by the Township Board and also by the Zoning Board. The Board instructed the office staff to send a letter to Jimmie Miller to let him know that he needs to get the proper forms from the State of Michigan and that he also needs to cease all activity until properly licensed.

New Business:

Zoning Board of Appeals: Motion by Kathy Munson Jones and supported by Bill Beaune to require the Zoning Board of Appeals to be made up of 5 members. Motion adopted with all members voting yes.

Zoning Board of Appeals Training: Motion by Mary A Charles and supported by Bill Beaune to approve sending Zoning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals members to training at Kinross Township Hall on November 5, 2008. Motion adopted with all members voting yes.

Broken sidewalk: The broken sidewalk at 6939 S M 221 was discussed. The sidewalk was broken up during excavation for a new building. The property owner agreed to repair it but since the Township is possibly replacing the sidewalks next year (and this particular part of the sidewalk was not in good shape anyway) the Board decided to just let it go.

Motion by Kathy Munson Jones and supported by Bill Beaune to approve sending Frank Toms, Water and Sewer Supervisor, to a wastewater seminar in Gaylord on September 23, 2008. Motion adopted with all members voting yes.

Reports:

Supervisor's Report:

Treasurer's Report:

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

Motion by Mary A Charles and supported by Bill Beaune to pay the bills in the amount of \$22,502.94. Motion adopted with all members voting yes.

Clerk's Report:

Cemetery Deed—Board signatures

Recreation Grant: The Recreation Grant that the Historical Society applied for was denied because the space designated for the office in the replica of the Depot doesn't qualify under "recreation".

Adjournment:

Motion by Bill Beaune and supported by Mary A Charles to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m.