

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Supervisor Porter. Members present: Andersen, Brown, Davis, Kinney, Porter, and Shaw. Members absent: Crosby. Also present: three spectators.

Public Hearing: Community Development Block Grant Funding for Hope Network/North Kent Transit: Resolution 2011-04

Porter opened the public hearing for Community Development Block Grant Funds at 7:04 PM. Andersen suggested that \$4,158.00, the same amount as last year, be allocated to North Kent Transit (Hope Network) this year for transportation for the disabled and elderly. Discussion followed about other possible options that may be approved for Community Block Grant Funds; suggestions were for handicapped doors at the Township Hall/Fire Hall. Supervisor Porter will check in to that possibility. Public Hearing was closed at 7:15 PM. Motion by Brown, Davis supported, to allocate \$4,158.00 of Community Development Block Grant Funds to North Kent Transit (Hope Network). All yes, CARRIED

2. Public Comment: None

3. Motion by Andersen, Shaw supported to approve the agenda with moving #11. Township Trails Proposal up to after #3. CARRIED.

11. Township Trails Proposal was presented by Brent Boncher. His suggestions are duly noted and will be further reviewed. At this point he is looking for community feedback, budgets, and considering setting up an Ad-Hoc Committee for what the Township wants/needs are for the future of our parks and recreation. There have recently been significant improvements made to a biking trail in Cannon Township to end @ Luton Park, that is almost to the border of Courtland Twp. He is suggesting a route North on Myers Lake Ave. to 12 Mile Rd. for a first phase. Myers Lake Ave. has a 100 ft. road right-of-way easement that can be utilized. It would be his recommendation to have a 10 ft. wide distinct bike trail away from the actual paved road. Funding for the project could be from grants, donations, Township. Budget, etc. Board members were in favor of the intent to pursue more information, to identify where all the Township Parks are, and what parking is available. Motion by Kinney, Shaw supported to pursue exploration of a biking trail in Courtland Township. All yes. CARRIED

4. Consent Agenda: Motion by Davis, Anderson supported, to approve the Consent Agenda. CARRIED.

A. Approval of Minutes – January 5, 2011 Regular Board meeting.

B. Treasurer's Report /Approval of bills for payment – General Fund, Sewer, and Fire Department.

Motion by Davis, Andersen supported, to approve consent agenda as presented. CARRIED

5. Supervisor's Report/Building Permits/Correspondence: General update given. Building. permit information will be available for the next regular meeting. Porter is in the process of reviewing the new budget for 2011 and presented a preliminary draft for review. School aid from the Federal Government will be increased which is a positive statement made by MTA. The improvement for Parmeter is scheduled for this year. Porter will be meeting with residents from Camelot Dr.. to try to come up with a resolution for their speeding traffic.

NKSA – Andersen discussed the option of the residents being responsible to pay for repair of their grinder pumps. The cost seems to be the highest of all of Kent Co. for the sewer bills now to the lake residents. Brown suggested talking to previous Treasurer, Mildred Post, to see if she recalls how/why the sewer was set up the way that it is currently.

GVMC – None

Rockford Community Endowment – Andersen stated they are proposing a special commemoration for the tenth year of 9/11. It will be a display of 3,100 flags, one for every life that was lost on 9/11. The location of the flag display is being considered.

6. Fire Board Report: Chief Mickey Davis reported 20 Runs. Fire Dept. Annual Banquet to be held Feb. 13, 2011 @ Township Hall. Appointment of new fire fighter Dan Smith: Very highly recommended by Chief Davis. Motion by Brown, Davis supported, to hire Dan Smith as volunteer fire fighter. CARRIED

7. Zoning Board of Appeals Report: No meeting. Next meeting Feb. 9, 2011.

8. Planning Commission Report: Colleen Brown reported the PC is working on the Medical Marijuana Ordinance and requested input from the board. The board members may attend the public hearing in March for input, and were in favor of the intent of the ordinance in general.

9. Resolution 2011 -03: Resolution to Establish Policy and Guidelines for Granting Property Exemptions. Motion by Andersen, Davis supported, was made to adopt resolution 2011-03 as presented. Roll Call vote: All members voting yes. CARRIED

10. Cedar Springs Area Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update: Member Brown explained the Master Plan has been updated to include Courtland Township information along with new goals and objectives. Motion by Kinney, Shaw supported, to approve the CSAP&R Master Plan as presented. Roll Call vote: All members voting yes. CARRIED

11. (See above)

12. Board Member Comments

As there was no further business to be considered, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Submitted by,

Colleen Brown, Trustee  
Recording Secretary