

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Supervisor Porter. Members present: Andersen, Brown, Crosby, Davis, Porter, and Shaw. Members absent: None. Member Kinney arrived at 7:15 PM. Also present: four spectators.
2. Public Comment: State Representative Peter MacGregor spoke briefly on legislation being considered by the House, and answered questions from the audience and Board members.
3. Motion by Davis, Kinney supported, to approve the agenda, moving item #9 Kent District Library Annual Report up prior to #4. CARRIED.

Kent District Library Annual Report: Lance Werner, new KDL director, and Jennifer German, branch manager of Krause Library (Rockford), reported on KDL programs and services.

4. Consent Agenda: Motion by Kinney, Brown supported, to approve the Consent Agenda. CARRIED.
 - A. Approval of Minutes – July 6, 2011 Regular Board meeting.
 - B. Treasurer's Report /Approval of bills for payment – General Fund, Sewer, and Fire Department. Porter gave an update on the 2011-12 General Fund budget, including extra State Revenue Sharing funds the township is receiving due to the increased population.
5. Supervisor's Report/Building Permits/Correspondence: No building permits were issued in July for new residences. The 2011 permit total is 11 homes. The court date for the Anderson (16 Mile Rd.) trash issue is August 9th. Porter is checking into what can be done about vandalism and noise issues at the abandoned Courtland Crossings mobile home park, and trying to determine ownership.

Cedar Springs Parks & Recreation Committee: Kinney reported on problems with having a quorum to conduct business at meetings. He also stated that more volunteers are needed for programs.

NKSA: Jerry Davis reported that he, Mary Ann Andersen and Chuck Porter are investigating a change in maintenance providers for our sewer system. This will be on the NKSA August 4th agenda. The company being considered to replace the Kent County DPW is Main-Tech Services. Motion by Andersen, Davis supported, to contract with Main-Tech Services for Courtland sewer maintenance. CARRIED.

Rockford Area Community Endowment: Andersen gave an update on the Healing Field Memorial project at Cannonsburg Ski Area from September 9th through 13th. Township officials will receive invitations to the opening ceremony on September 9th. Five-member teams of volunteers and sponsorship donations are still being sought. Flags are available for purchase for \$75.00.
6. Fire Board Report: Chief Mickey Davis reported 28 runs for July. Davis showed a picture of the finished sign at Station #2 in memory of Jim and Kletis McIntyre. A date will be chosen for a dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony with members of the McIntyre family. A location has been selected for the fourth township emergency siren on Ritchie Ave. just north of 15 Mile Rd. The two-mile radius of the siren will cover the northwest portion of the township. Informational letters will be mailed to neighbors in the immediate vicinity. Motion by Crosby, Shaw supported, to approve the Ritchie Ave. /15 Mile Rd. location for the siren. CARRIED. Chief Davis shared a book written by our chaplain David Oliver on how to be a fire department chaplain which he dedicated to the Courtland and Oakfield fire departments. The security cameras are up and running at both fire stations as well as the township hall.
7. Zoning Board of Appeals Report: Shaw reported that the Sackers (Harbor Dr.) setback variance was approved. The Relich (Meadowrock Dr.) setback variance was approved. Another request from Mr. Relich will be taken up at the August meeting.
8. Planning Commission Report: No meeting in July or August.
9. Kent District Library Annual Report: (See above)
10. Appointment of Zoning Administrator: Frank Buckley is resigning as Zoning Administrator. Colleen Brown is interested in the position. Motion by Andersen, Davis supported, to appoint Colleen Brown as Zoning Administrator. CARRIED, Brown abstained. This position creates a conflict of interest with Brown's position on the Planning Commission. Motion by Crosby, Shaw supported, to appoint Jerry Davis as Board representative to the Planning Commission. CARRIED.

11. Digital Sign for Township Hall: Porter passed out pictures of some designs for a digital sign in front of the township hall. Cost estimates range from \$16,000 to almost \$20,000. Porter would like to check into adding a brick base to the sign. Motion by Davis, Shaw supported, to approve spending up to \$20,000 on a new sign for the hall. CARRIED.

12. Board Member Comments: Kinney stated that two concrete benches have been delivered to the cemetery, and two signs with cemetery rules and regulations have been ordered. He also informed the Board that the Kent County MTA chapter picnic will take place on August 25th at the Algoma Township Park.

As there was no further business to be considered, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Submitted by,

Marilynn Crosby, Clerk