

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Supervisor McIntyre. Members present: Andersen, Brown, Crosby, Davis, Krygier, McIntyre and Porter. Members absent: None. Also present: seven spectators.
2. Public Comment: None.
3. Motion by Krygier, Brown supported to approve the agenda with the addition of item #11A, Appointment of Plumbing/Mechanical Inspector. CARRIED.
4. Consent Agenda: Motion by Porter, Brown supported, to approve the Consent Agenda. CARRIED.
 - A. Approval of Minutes – November 7, 2007 Regular Board meeting; November 14, 2007 Special Meeting
 - B. Treasurer's Report /Approval of bills for payment – General Fund, Sewer, and Fire Department.
5. Supervisor's Report/Building Permits/Correspondence: Building permits were issued in November for two new residences @ \$360,000, bringing the 2007 total so far to 27 homes. Forty-nine permits were issued in 2006 and seventy were issued in 2005. We received a report of quarterly statistics for the township from the Kent County Sheriff Department. Krygier stated that construction of the NKSA sewer plant is still on time and under budget. It should be in full operation one year from now. Porter reported that GVMC donated \$5,000 to the Civic Institute to teach local government at 15 local schools. MDOT discussed bridge safety and inspections at the GVMC meeting. Brown stated that the Cedar Parks and Recreation committee is scheduling activities for 2008 and exploring the possibility of an ice rink and skate park. Andersen reported that the Rockford Community Foundation has changed its name to Rockford Area Community Endowment, and that it is advertising the brick sales for the holidays. Courtland still needs to nominate a significant historical figure from the township. The MDOT/Courtland/Oakfield/Greenville M-57 corridor meeting will be held here on January 23, 2008.
6. Fire Board Report: Chief Mickey Davis reported 33 runs for November. The firefighters' banquet will be held on February 1 at the Rockford Ambulance community center. Members of the department will soon be visiting local adult foster care homes and bell ringing for the Salvation Army. They are also collecting coats for a local charity, Lean on Me.
7. Zoning Board of Appeals Report: Andersen reported that the Schaap front yard setback variance was approved, as was the extension for Henry Greeb.
8. Planning Commission Report: Davis reported that the commercial rezoning request by JMO Properties for 5.5 acres on 15 Mile Rd. at Northland Dr. was recommended for denial by the Commission. Motion by Andersen, Davis supported, to deny the rezoning request for 4951 15 Mile Rd., based on the recommendations of the Planning Commission and township attorney Jim Scales. CARRIED.

The Commission also tabled for further information the rezoning and Special Land Use request by Todd Dexterhouse for property at 8701 14 Mile Rd. to the January 22 meeting. (No meeting in December.) The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in January on an amendment to the zoning ordinance regarding limiting variance extensions to one additional year.
9. Ron Landis of the Kent County DPW, and Brandon Mieras of Williams and Works were present to discuss the pumping problems in the sewer force main between lift station #1 and air release #3 on Brower Lake. Efforts so far have been costly, but have not solved the problem. The next attempt will involve pumping 41,000 gallons of water through the line to push the plug out of the pipe, at a cost of \$3,000-\$4,000. The DPW would like to meet with township officials and residents to discuss a work plan for 2008.
10. Sewer Rate Adjustment: Sewer Administrator Sandra Hunt prepared a receipts/expenses report for 2007 for the sewer fund. The audit report showed an operating deficit for fiscal years 2006 and 2007, indicating the need to increase the quarterly sewer rate. Hunt recommended \$10.00 per quarter. Motion by Crosby, Porter supported, to increase quarterly rates by \$10.00 per quarter. CARRIED.
11. Appointments: Planning Commission & ZBA. Motion by McIntyre, Crosby supported, to re-appoint Martin Patterson to the ZBA, Matt McConnon to the Planning Commission, and Doug Moeggenberg to the ZBA and Planning Commission. All have indicated they are willing to serve another term. CARRIED.
- 11A. Appointment of Plumbing/Mechanical Inspector: Due to the retirement of Sam Groothuis, Doug Hopkins of Imperial Municipal Services has asked the township to appoint Paul Hunter to replace him. Motion by Krygier, Brown

supported, to appoint Paul Hunter as Mechanical Inspector, Plumbing Inspector, Building Official, Building Inspector and Plan Reviewer. CARRIED.

12. Board Member Comments: None.

As there was no further business to be considered, the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 P.M.

Submitted by,

Marilynn Crosby, Clerk