

UNAPPROVED

Regular Board Meeting

Courtland Township

December 7, 2011

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Supervisor Porter. Members present: Andersen, Brown, Crosby, Davis, Kinney, Porter, and Shaw. Members absent: None. Also present: five spectators.
2. Public Comment: None.
3. Motion by Andersen, Shaw supported, to approve the agenda with the addition of Ordinance Compliance Officer's Report as item #6. CARRIED.
4. Consent Agenda: Motion by Kinney, Brown supported, to approve the Consent Agenda. CARRIED.
 - A. Approval of Minutes – November 2, 2011 Regular Board 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 @ \$430,000, bringing the 2011 total to 17 homes. The new digital sign has been installed at the Township Hall. GVMC: Kent County Emergency Medical Response discussed improving the system of responding to emergency medical calls. An informational meeting with the Kent County Road Commission regarding paving the remainder of Parmeter Ave. will be held on December 14 at the Township Hall. Jerry Davis spoke briefly about the transfer of the maintenance of Courtland's sewer lines from the DPW to Main-Tech Services. The official start date is December 16. Cedar Springs Parks & Rec: Kinney stated that their programs continue to run well. Two representatives from Courtland need to be appointed annually, but need not be Board members. Rockford Area Community Endowment: Andersen reported that the annual Texas Hold 'Em fund raiser is coming up. Over \$57,000 was raised from the Healing Field Memorial and is available for grants to West Michigan emergency responders. Parks & Recreation Committee: Brent Boncher reported that the committee is tabulating results of last summer's park survey and adding more park information to the township website. They are researching walking trail routes to connect Myers Lake County Park and Luton Park to the White Pine Trail. There will be a public hearing on the update to the 5-Year Park Master Plan at the January 4, 2012 Township Board meeting.
6. Ordinance Compliance Officer's Report. John O'Rourke updated Board members on zoning complaints and questions he has handled over the past year. The Anderson (16 Mile Rd.) case was settled in court with fines and costs assessed to the Andersons.
7. Fire Board Report: Chief Mickey Davis reported 21 runs for November. The Women's Auxiliary will be delivering baskets to adult foster care homes in the township. Meijer's in Cedar Springs has donated to this project. Mr. and Mrs. Santa will be at Fire Station #1 on December 17.
8. Zoning Board of Appeals Report: No meetings in November or December.
9. Planning Commission Report: No meetings in November or December. Brown reported that there will be two public hearings at the January 17 meeting: H2Oasis rezoning request and Bassett's request for Special Land Use for Open Air Business.
10. Resolution 2011-19: Authorization for Change in Standard Lighting Contract. Motion by Andersen, Davis supported, to adopt Resolution 2011-19. CARRIED. This authorizes Consumers Energy to replace street light bulbs with more energy efficient bulbs.
11. Board Member Comments: Kinney reported on the quarterly Kent County MTA chapter lunch with Judge Sara Smolensky and George Lessons as guest speakers. Brown, Kinney, Porter and Shaw will be attending the MTA Conference in January.

As there was no further business to be considered, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 P.M.

Submitted by,

Marilynn Crosby, Clerk