

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Supervisor McIntyre. Members present: Andersen, Brown, Crosby, Davis, Kinney, McIntyre and Porter. Members absent: None. Also present: eight spectators.

Public Hearing: McIntyre opened the public hearing for Community Development Block Grant Funds at 7:05 PM. Discussion followed on the lack of opportunities for us to use our block grant funds, and whether funds could be used for handicap restrooms for the township park, for a playground at one of the Cedar Springs elementary schools, or for Cedar Springs Parks and Recreation Committee programs. McIntyre will contact Community Development. Public Hearing was closed at 7:20 PM. Motion by Crosby, Andersen supported, to allocate \$5,813.00 of Community Development Block Grant Funds, the same amount as last year, to North Kent Transit (Hope Network) for transportation for the disabled and elderly. CARRIED.

2. Public Comment: Joseph Marckini of the Cedar Springs Board of Education presented a "Resolution in Support of Public Education" that was adopted by the Board of Education December 8, 2008. He is requesting letters of support from local officials and municipalities, which he will present to our federal legislators in February in Washington, D.C., asking for more federal support for public education. Motion by Andersen, Brown supported, to support the "Resolution in Support of Public Education". CARRIED.

Steve Proper (11 Mile Rd.) inquired about whether the Board is willing to move the warning siren located at the west side of his property (northeast corner Shaner Ave. and 11 Mile Rd.). Discussion followed on where to move it. Chief Davis estimated the cost at between \$1,000 and \$2,000. A meeting with area neighbors will be arranged. Motion by Andersen, Kinney supported, to contact the installer (West Shore Services) about finding another location for the siren. CARRIED.

3. Motion by Davis, Brown supported to approve the agenda. CARRIED.

4. Consent Agenda: Motion by Porter, Brown supported, to approve the Consent Agenda. CARRIED.

A. Approval of Minutes – December 3, 2008 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: No building permits were issued in December for new residences. The 2008 total is 44 homes. Upcoming meetings: The Kent County Road Commission will hold a meeting on paving Porter Hollow in 2009 at the township hall on January 8. Board members were given copies of a letter from Kent County Supervisors to Kent County Administrator Daryl Delabbio protesting the proposed shifting of emergency dispatch costs from the county to local municipalities. The DPW has proposed that the township sewer fund purchase and install a used generator at pump station #1 for use in the event of power outages. This will save on the high cost of renting and manning generators during outages. The NKSA will meet on January 8 at the PARCCside treatment plant, which is now fully operational. Porter stated that tribute was paid to retiring Grand Rapids City Manager Kurt Kimball at the GVMC meeting.

6. Fire Board Report: Chief Mickey Davis reported 33 runs for December, and 302 for the year, up from previous years. He stated that our firefighters deserve much credit for their response to emergencies in such bad weather conditions as we've had this winter.

7. Zoning Board of Appeals Report: No meeting in December; one request for January.

8. Planning Commission Report: No meeting in December. The Commission will meet on January 20.

9. Appointment of Planning Commission Member: McIntyre recommended that Rock Wood be re-appointed to another 3-year term. Motion by Brown, Davis supported, to re-appoint Rock Wood to the Planning Commission. CARRIED.

10. Board Member Comments: McIntyre passed out his preliminary budget for the General Fund for discussion at the March 4 Board meeting. He is proposing no raises for the elected officials, stating he expects state revenue sharing to decrease.

As there was no further business to be considered, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 P.M.

Submitted by,

Marilynn Crosby, Clerk