

UNAPPROVED

Regular Board Meeting

Courtland Township

July 6, 2005

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Supervisor James McIntyre. Board members Andersen, Brown, Crosby, Davis, Krygier and Porter were present. Fifteen spectators were also present.
2. Public Comment: None.
3. Motion by Davis, Brown supported, to approve the agenda. CARRIED.
4. Consent Agenda: Motion by Davis, Krygier supported, to approve the Consent Agenda. Included were the minutes of the June 1, 2005 Regular Board meeting and the June 15, 2005 NKSA meeting of the constituent communities; the Treasurer's report with June General Fund disbursements of \$55,185.79; Fire Department disbursements of \$8,169.32; Sewer Op & Main Fund disbursements of \$14,394.68. CARRIED.
5. Supervisor's Report/Building Permits/Correspondence: Building permits were issued in June for six new residences @ \$718,000.00, bringing the 2005 total to 50 homes, down from 57 last year. A decision on which road to be paved in 2006 will be made at the August meeting. McIntyre and Crosby met with the supervisor and treasurer of Algoma Township regarding sharing a community police officer, and McIntyre has also contacted Oakfield Township on this matter. Our State Revenue Sharing will be increased by almost 4% in the upcoming state budget. Treatment for the West Nile virus has been completed. McIntyre and Chief Mickey Davis met with representatives of the Myers Lake Association regarding drilling a well on the fire station property for pumping into the lake. There is a question whether a permit can be obtained from the DEQ. The Cedar Springs Parks and Recreation Board would like a representative from the township to sit on their board. We received a memo from Michael Young regarding cost sharing for the NKSA. The next regular NKSA meeting is July 7 at Rockford city hall.
6. Zoning Board of Appeals: Andersen reported that there was no meeting in June, and one request has been received for July.
7. Planning Commission: Jerry Davis reported that a site plan was approved for an addition to Carpets Plus on Northland Drive.
8. Fire Board: Chief Mickey Davis reported that there were 25 runs for June, 193 since November 1st. The Fire Board would like to extend bidding on the old tanker truck until July 27, since only one bid was received. Motion by Krygier, Andersen supported, to re-open bidding on the truck until July 27, 2005. CARRIED.
9. Electrical Permit Fee Increase: Electrical inspector Casey Kalee presented a new form for township electrical permits as well as an increase in the base fee from \$20.00 to \$30.00. The new permit conforms to State of Michigan standards. Motion by Porter, Krygier supported, to approve the new fees. CARRIED.
10. Purchase of Development Rights Applications: Two applications from Courtland Township landowners were received this year. Discussion took place on funding sources for the PDR program. Motion by Krygier, Porter supported, to approve the application from Max Cole (Benham St.). CARRIED. Motion by Krygier, Brown supported, to approve the application from Earl Phelps (Ritchie Ave.). CARRIED.
11. Request for 33 Ft. Easement – Burt Wickham. Mr. Wickham would like to create a 33 ft. easement on the east side of the property at 5841 13 Mile Rd. to serve two parcels at the north end of the property, and a 66 ft. easement on the west side to serve one parcel. Motion by Davis, Brown supported, to table the application for further clarification. CARRIED. Motion by Krygier, Andersen supported, to remove this item from the table. CARRIED. After further discussion, motion by Krygier, Andersen supported, to approve a 33 ft. easement on the east side of the property, extending 165 ft. into lot 2, to serve only lots 1 and 2, and to approve a 66 ft. easement on the west side of the property to serve lots 3 and 4, extending 165 ft. into lot 4, with such restrictions stated in the deeds. POLLED VOTE: Ayes – Krygier, Andersen, Crosby, Porter; Nays – McIntyre, Brown, Davis. Brown noted that she felt it wasn't following the original intent of the ordinance. CARRIED.
12. Township Park Plan Proposal: Progressive AE. Motion by Andersen, Krygier supported, to have Craig Hondorp of Progressive AE proceed with the latest revisions to the park plan along with updated cost breakdowns for the phases. CARRIED.
13. Appointment of Zoning Administrator/Enforcer. Motion by Andersen, Brown supported, to appoint Donald Shaw as Zoning Enforcement Officer and Deputy Supervisor. CARRIED.

14. Sewer Rate Study. McIntyre would like to have another rate study done by Williams & Works to determine whether sewer rates need to be increased. Motion by Porter, Krygier supported, to appoint Williams & Works to do another sewer rate study. CARRIED. In conjunction with the study, Andersen would like a breakdown of costs related to NKSA.

15. Board Member Comments: Crosby received a thank-you note from the Cedar Springs School Board thanking the township for running the recent school election in such a cost effective manner. Andersen reported that she has resigned from the Kent County Parks Foundation.

As there was no further business to be considered, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Submitted by,

Marilynn Crosby, Clerk