

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Supervisor McIntyre. Members present: Brown, Crosby, Davis, Kinney, McIntyre and Porter. Members absent: Andersen. Also present: ten spectators.
2. Public Comment: Gerald Skelonc (20 Mile Rd.) spoke on behalf of Kerri Hanes (15 Mile Rd.) regarding the request by JMO Properties for rezoning of the property at 15 Mile Rd. and Northland Dr. from R-R to LC (Light Commercial). He questioned whether this was an appropriate zoning for this area of the township, the location of the driveway entrance on Northland Dr., and types of uses that are permitted, especially telecommunications towers.

Steve Proper (11 Mile Rd.) wanted assurance from the Township Board that the warning siren would be moved to another location. Crosby stated that a letter was sent to Dr. Henderson, developer of the Arrowcrest PUD on Shaner Ave, as was suggested at the neighborhood meeting organized by Proper, but no reply had yet been received. The Board will look into other locations for the siren, and will hopefully be able to vote on where to move it at the April 1st meeting.
3. Motion by Crosby, Davis supported to approve the agenda with one addition, Lawn Mowing and Cemetery Maintenance Bids. CARRIED.
4. Consent Agenda: Motion by Porter, Kinney supported, to approve the Consent Agenda. CARRIED.
 - A. Approval of Minutes – February 4, 2009 Regular Board meeting.
 - B. Treasurer's Report /Approval of bills for payment – General Fund, Sewer, and Fire Department. Treasurer Davis reported he is changing banks in order for our funds to be better FDIC insured, and to receive more interest on our accounts.
5. Supervisor's Report/Building Permits/Correspondence: Building permits were issued in February for 2 new residences @ \$220,000. Algoma Township is selling bricks and taking donations for their memorial park. Jerry Davis reported that the NKSA is searching for the source of some excess water in the wastewater system, and that we, the NKSA members, have saved \$11 million by not signing the 1998 contract with Grand Rapids. The next meeting will take place at the PARCCside plant on March 5th. Brown stated that the Cedar Springs Park Committee adopted its policies and guidelines for the year and that last year's audit is now available. Kinney attended the quarterly Kent County Chapter MTA meeting which included a report from the Drain Commissioner. Porter attended the GVMC Tech and Policy Committee meeting where "shovel ready" road projects funded by federal stimulus money were discussed. He stated he needs to be appointed to this committee by the township board. Motion by Brown, Kinney supported, to appoint Chuck Porter as Courtland's representative to the GVMC Tech and Policy Committee. CARRIED.
6. Fire Board Report: Chief Mickey Davis reported 20 runs for February, including three major accidents. The Fire Board will launch a campaign to promote the use of more 911 green address signs to help guide emergency vehicles to homes and businesses. The annual pancake breakfast will take place on April 4th. The Fire Board will finalize the 2009-10 fire department budget at its next meeting for presentation to the Township Board on April 1st.
7. Zoning Board of Appeals Report: Carol Shaw reported that the Hamilton (14 Mile Rd.) sign variance request was approved. One request was received for March.
8. Planning Commission Report: Jeff Vos, representing JMO Properties, outlined their request for rezoning 2.6 acres of land at the northeast corner of Northland Dr. and 15 Mile Rd. from R-R Rural Residential, to LC Light Commercial. Rock Wood reported that the Planning Commission recommended the rezoning, with some conditions, including a cross-access easement to lands to the north of the property, no direct driveway access to 15 Mile Road, and construction of a berm and screen. The LC zoning is more restrictive than General Commercial. Site plan approval will be needed before any construction can be done. Motion by Davis, Porter supported, to adopt Ordinance No. 09-01 to Amend the Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Courtland, rezoning 2.6 acres on the northeast corner of Northland Dr. and 15 Mile Rd. from R-R Rural Residential to LC Light Commercial. ADOPTED, All Ayes.
9. Salary Resolutions. Resolution 2009-02: Motion by Crosby, Davis supported, to establish the Supervisor's salary at \$25,000 beginning April 1, 2009. ADOPTED, All Ayes. Resolution 2009-03: Motion by Brown, Porter supported, to establish the Treasurer's salary at \$29,500 beginning April 1, 2009. ADOPTED, All Ayes. Resolution 2009-04: Motion by Davis, Brown supported, to establish the Clerk's salary at \$29,500 beginning April 1, 2009. ADOPTED, All Ayes. Resolution 2009-05: Motion by Davis, Crosby supported, to establish the Trustees' salaries at \$4,500 beginning April 1, 2009. ADOPTED, All Ayes. All salaries remain the same as last year.

10. Fiscal Year 2009-10 Budget Discussion: The Budget Hearing will be held at the April 1, 2009, regular board meeting. Some discussion took place on whether to charge a fee for regular use of the softball field, and that money should be budgeted separately for park maintenance.

11. Bid for Annual Township Audit: Bids were received from five auditing firms. Motion by Davis, Brown supported, to accept the bid for annual township audits through 2011 from Biggs, Hauserman, Thompson & Dickinson. CARRIED.

12. Bid for Legal Publications: Motion by Crosby, Kinney supported, to accept the bid for township legal publications from Advance Newspapers. CARRIED.

13. Bid for Fall Clean Up: Motion by Brown, Porter supported, to accept the bid for the Fall Clean Up on September 17, 18 & 19 from J&S Services. CARRIED.

14. Board Member Comments: Porter commented on how empty the Courtland Crossings manufactured home park is now with only two homes occupied.

15. Bid for Lawn Maintenance and Grave Openings: Motion by Brown, Porter supported, to accept the bid from Venman's Landscape Service for cemetery lawn maintenance and grave openings. CARRIED. Mowing for both fire stations, the township hall and the park will be done by members of the fire department using our own equipment.

As there was no further business to be considered, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 P.M.

Submitted by,

Marilynn Crosby, Clerk