

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: 13 spectators.
2. Public Comment: None.
3. Motion by Porter, Brown supported, to approve the agenda. CARRIED.
4. Consent Agenda: Motion by Davis, Kinney supported, to approve the Consent Agenda. CARRIED.
 - A. Approval of Minutes – October 7, 2009 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 October for two new residences @ \$205,000, bringing the 2009 total to 15 new homes, compared to 44 last year. McIntyre reported that the Kent County Road Commission plans to repave and widen Northland Drive to three lanes between 14 Mile Rd. and 15 Mile Rd. in 2010. They do not have plans for much other road work next year. We received the quarterly township report from the Kent County Sheriff's Department. NKSA: Officials from Courtland, Cannon and Plainfield Townships met at Courtland Township on October 22 to discuss costs for lift station upgrades, and will meet again on November 10th. Cedar Springs Parks and Recreation Committee: Brown stated that the five year Park Master Plan update will include Courtland Township. GVMC: Porter stated that the next meeting will be November 5th at Wyoming City Hall. Rockford Community Endowment: No report. Kent County MTA Chapter: Kinney reported that the MTA Conference will be held in Grand Rapids this January.
6. Fire Board Report: Chief Mickey Davis reported 17 runs for October, bringing the total for the year to 306, almost the same number as last year. Two candidates for firefighter were recommended by the Fire Board: returning firefighter Greg Scott and new applicant Ken Williams. Motion by Porter, Andersen supported, to hire Greg Scott and Ken Williams as firefighters. CARRIED.
7. Zoning Board of Appeals Report: Andersen reported that the Hindman (Je Ne Be Dr.) setback request was approved. She also questioned whether the township should look into a separate zoning district for the lakes area in light of all the variance requests from that area.
8. Planning Commission Report: No meeting in October.
9. Cemetery Rules and Regulations: As a result of comments and complaints made by residents and others with loved ones buried in the township cemetery regarding the use of solar lights and other decorations on gravesites, Crosby presented a packet of cemetery rules gathered from other communities. Those who were present in the audience commented in favor of the lights and questioned why they were removed. They also presented a petition in favor of them. Andersen moved, supported by Brown, to form an ad hoc cemetery committee to take up the issues of cemetery regulations, including gravesite decoration, and cemetery maintenance and repairs, especially in the oldest section. CARRIED. Board members Andersen, Brown and Kinney, as well as several residents, will form the committee.
10. Codification of General Ordinances: Andersen questioned the letter from township attorney James Scales regarding codification of the township's general (non-zoning) ordinances, i.e. placing them all in a single ordinance, and whether it would be too costly to have our attorney do this project. No decision on whether to proceed was made, pending receipt of cost information. McIntyre will do some preliminary organizational work, and any necessary typing can be done in house in order to cut costs.
11. Board Member Comments: Crosby commented on the 17% voter turnout for the Rockford Public Schools millage renewal vote on November 3rd.

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

Submitted by,

Marilynn Crosby, Clerk