

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Supervisor McIntyre. Members present: Andersen, Brown, Crosby, Davis, Krygier, McIntyre and Porter. Members absent: None. Also present: Township attorney James Scales and 13 spectators.

Public Hearing: Myers Lake Weed Control Special Assessment District. McIntyre opened the Public Hearing at 7:04 PM. The purpose of the hearing was to hear public comment on continuing the current special assessment district for weed control on Big and Little Myers Lakes. The yearly assessment of \$115.00 for lakefront lots and \$57.50 for back lots would remain the same for this year (2006 winter tax bill), and possibly increase by 10% over the next two years. Eric Hune, Myers Lake Association Board president and weed control committee chairman, stated that the lake board would like to continue the weed control program with Professional Lake Management. Gary Velthouse (Peninsula Dr.) spoke on the increase in his property assessment, and the assessment for the Myers Lake well project. He did not want an increase in the assessment. Andersen explained that the well assessment was taken into consideration when it was decided not to increase the weed assessment this year (2006 tax bill), and that the well assessment would not be levied again after this year. Jason Broekstra of Professional Lake Management commented on the increased costs of treatment and not being able to add additional treatments that might be needed with the current funding. The Township Board will review the weed control budget each year in the fall and decide at that time whether an increase is necessary. McIntyre closed the hearing at 7:22 PM. Item #9, Resolution 2006-17, was moved up on the agenda. Motion by Andersen, Davis supported, to adopt Resolution 2006-17 Myers Lake Weed Control Special Assessment District. POLLED VOTE: YES – ALL. Resolution declared adopted. A Notice of Special Assessment will be mailed to all property owners in the district.

2. Public Comment: None.

3. Motion by Krygier, Porter supported, to approve the revised agenda. CARRIED.

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

A. Approval of Minutes – October 4, 2006 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 report yet on building permits. NKSA: Krygier reported on the change in the roof design for the clean water plant to save money and still give it a rural look. The NKSA November 2nd meeting has been cancelled. The bond sale is scheduled for mid-November. Brown stated that the Cedar Springs Parks & Recreation Committee will meet again next Monday. Porter reported that Peter Secchia spoke at the GVMC meeting. Andersen stated that the Rockford Foundation has sold 134 bricks and has received the matching funds from Independent Bank. The bricks are on display in the plaza on the west side of the Rockford Dam. Andersen also would like to apply for a grant from the Foundation to set up a Courtland Township historical display at the township hall.

6. Fire Board Report: Chief Mickey Davis reported 16 runs in October, with 78 runs being made from the new station in the past year. The Fire Board is still taking bids on a new well for filling trucks at station #2. No word has been received yet on whether we will receive a FEMA grant this year. One firefighter has moved away, and Chief Davis commented that daytime staffing continues to be low. He also reported that he had to close a haunted barn set up by the Cedar Springs boosters for Halloween due to dangerous conditions.

7. Zoning Board of Appeals Report: Andersen reported that the Hough (Peterson St.) and Ericson (Je Ne Be Dr.) variances were approved. One request was received for November.

8. Planning Commission Report: Jerry Davis reported that a Public Hearing on the Hidden Shores water ski lake project was held, but the Commission tabled the request. A second hearing may have to be held if changes are made to their site plan. Williams & Works has requested additional money over the amount bid for the Master Plan revision. Andersen will draft a letter questioning this extra amount.

9. (See Public Hearing above.)

10. Bubbler Ordinance Discussion: Attorney Scales commented that it would be difficult to enforce an ordinance banning bubblers (aerators) on one lake and not another, and that such an ordinance might not hold up in court. No decision was made on whether to continue to pursue the matter.

11. Township Park Update: Crosby reported that the DNR has approved our 5-year parks and recreation plan. Park committee member Carol Shaw stated that she would like to proceed with plans for the park and pursuing grants now and not wait any longer. Brown thought plans should be scaled back from the original due to the high cost. Davis felt that we should not proceed with the park without grant money. Porter felt we should apply for grant money. Krygier would still like to explore a partnership with Kent County at the Myers Lake County Park. The park committee will meet before the December board meeting in order to have more information to present to the board.

12. Board Member Comments: Andersen asked whether board members were interested in establishing a committee to research salaries and raises. Members indicated they were able to gather enough information from the MTA and other townships to decide whether or not to vote themselves a raise.

As there was no further business to be considered, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 P.M.

Submitted by,

Marilynn Crosby, Clerk