

Negaunee Township Board Meeting - July 14, 2011

Call to Order

William Carlson, Township Supervisor, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.. Other Board members present included John Ennett, Carl Nurmi, Duane Soine

Excused Absence: Rachel Sertich (Jackie Shier, Deputy Clerk, took the Board meeting minutes.)

Agenda

Board members reviewed the agenda . Upon motion of John Ennett, seconded by Carl Nurmi, the agenda as presented was approved. Motion Carried.

Approval of Minutes

Board members reviewed draft minutes for the Regular Board Meeting, held on June 9, 2011 and the Special Board Meeting held on June 20, 2011. Upon motion of John Ennett, seconded by Carl Nurmi the minutes as presented were approved. Motion Carried.

Public Comment

Kyle Bell, 157 South Basin Dr., addressed the Board regarding the condition of North Rd. and that it was his opinion that North Rd. was in greater need of attention than Heritage Dr. Other residents from the area stood in agreement, supporting Mr. Bell's statement, including:

- Jim White, 131 Maple Ridge Rd.
- Hugh Miller 156 S. Basin Dr.

Reports

Community Center Board Duane Soine provide the update for the Community Center Board meeting held July 7th, 2011. Items highlighted included: 1) the three merry-go-rounds had been installed.

Fire Department Report The Fire Department report for July 2011 was provided by Fire Chief, Jeff Kontio. Items highlighted included: 1) 9 Fire/ EMS calls for the month, and 2) Training for the month of July would be the second round of Apparatus Training.

Water Report A written Water Report dated July, 2011 for the Water Dept. Supervisor, Mike Adams, was reviewed. The report noted: 1) The meter at the Marquette Co. Health Department was changed from a 2" to a 1", 2) Lead and Copper samples required by the DEQ were taken from 10 residential customers in the Township, 3) The Census meter program for the office computer has arrived (a Census representative will be coming sometime the first part of August

to start training, and after the program is up and running the meters will be installed), and 4) Test results from the 2" meter replaced at Fabco are in the Board packet for review.

Clerk Report(Bills, Claims)

Water fund checks #6292 through 6309 totaling \$21,512.88 were reviewed. Upon motion of John Ennett, seconded by Carl Nurmi, the Water fund checks as presented were approved. Motion Carried.

General Fund checks #19881 through # 20000 totaling \$91,333.49 were reviewed. Upon motion of John Ennett, and seconded by Carl Nurmi, the General Fund checks #19881 through #19999, totaling \$90792.49 were approved, but a hold was to be put on check #20000 to CUPPAD until it was discussed later on in the meeting. Motion Carried.

Planning Report Carl Nurmi, Board Liaison to the Planning Commission, and Joe Scanlan, Zoning Administrator, provided an update for the Planning Commission meeting held on July 13, 2011. Items highlighted included: 1) Site Plan review was approved for the Stanaway property, and 2) approved the land split for Mark Curren.

Assessor's Report Kelly Laakso's written monthly Assessor's report for July 2011 was reviewed. Items highlighted included: 1) Miller Bradford Appeal Update, 2) Summer Reappraisal along U.S. 41, 3) Board of Review date is July 19, 2011, and 3) Tax bills were sent out June 30, 2011.

Treasurer's Report John Ennett, Township Treasurer, provided updates to the Board. 1) John suggested that we use some of the Metro Act Funds(\$34,616.02) toward street lights, 2) the Census showed that we had an increase in population from 2707 to 3088. The State has also increased the rate paid per person from \$10 to \$11, which will increase our Revenue Sharing funds by \$34,000 this year.

Supervisor's Report William Carlson, Township Supervisor, provided an update on Township activities since the last Board meeting. He noted he had 1) Responded, by letter to job applicants regarding the decision not to fill the temporary position in the Treasurer's Dept., 2) followed up with MCRC about roads in Negaunee Township, and to see whether the MCRC has approval to remove trees adjacent to the Heritage Drive Bridge, 3) sent memo's to both house and Senate representatives regarding pending Gravel Legislation, 4) convened special meeting on Pioneer Testing for non-compliance with zoning issues, 5) responded to the City of Ishpeming regarding fencing of the old dump site and requested estimate as to the minimal cost, 6) responded to Scrap Tire Disposal, regarding tire pick up for our residential customers, 7) followed up on a complaint from Oscar Larson regarding access to his property off Woodlawn Drive, including obtaining and providing title documents to all parties, with the Assessors Department sending a letter to Mr. & Mrs. Waters, 8) attended the Township Relation Committee Meeting and discussed rating of roads, dust control and presented list of road repairs necessary in the Township, 9) Attended meeting on Miller Bradford Case, and 10) followed up with the Watershed Authority on the progress with Dunn's Ditch construction.

Brownfield Authority Joe Scanlan provided the Board with an updated report on the

Brownfield meeting held July 12, 2011. 1) the Authority recommended to the board the bid for the Stanaway project be awarded to TriMedia, and the cost not to exceed \$10,200.00. This item was to be further discussed under New Business.

Wellhead Protection Committee No meeting held

Heritage Trial Committee Alan Reynolds provided updates to the board. 1) The Heritage Trail purchased land from Heartwood Land for the continuation of the trail, 2) Marquette to North Wood Rd was paved, but Negaunee to Northwood Rd. would be recycled asphalt or crushed lime stone and 3) The State was working on a land swap with O'Dovero Prop. and they were waiting on Title issues.

Personnel Committee No meeting was held for the month of June.

Emergency Management Report Mr. Carlson noted updates had been made to manuals.

Old Business

Road Maintenance Board members discussed where the Township's money would be best spent regarding road maintenance on North Road and Heritage Drive. Upon motion Duane Soine seconded by Carl Nurmi, approval was given for Negaunee Township to request a contract from MCRC for repairing North Road, from Kivela Rd. to the Negaunee Rod and Gun Club. Motion Carried *with John Ennett casting a negative vote.*

Additional discussion was held regarding using Crack Seal on a one mile section of "JA." Upon motion of John Ennett, seconded by Duane Soine, the Negaunee Township would pay the MCRC to crack seal a one mile section of "JA" at the cost of \$6,095. Motion Carried

Tuition - Personnel Policy Board members discussed the "Continuing Education" section of the Personnel Policy in regard to repayment of the Zoning Supervisor, Joe Scanlan's Mapping courses taken at Northern Michigan University in the amount of \$3152.00. Upon motion of Carl Nurmi, seconded by Duane Soine the Township would reimburse Joe Scanlan for the Mapping course. Motion Carried *with John Ennett casting a negative vote.*

Truck Away Proposal Board members discussed the once a year scrape tire collection by Truck Away of Gwinn, MI. Upon motion of John Ennett and seconded by Carl Nurmi, Negaunee Township would conduct a once a year tire collection to be monitored and staffed by Truck Away for the residents of Negaunee Township, with Truck Away to be responsible for collection of fees and issuing receipts for money collected and providing Negaunee Township with a copy of the Scrap Tire Manifest for all tires collected. Motion Carried.

New Business

CUPPAD Dues Board members discussed the 2012 dues in the amount of \$541.00 for CUPPAD. Upon motion of Duane Soine and seconded by Carl Nurmi, Negaunee Township would not participate in CUPPAD for the 2012 year. Motion Carried.

Amendment - Zoning Ordinance Board members reviewed the Zoning Ordinance amendments as of July 2011. Upon motion of Carl Nurmi and seconded by Duane Soine approval was given to accept the amendments of July 2011 to the Zoning Ordinance, but to exclude Section 319 at this time. Motion Carried.

Marquette Co. Resource Management Proposal Board members reviewed the Marquette Co. Resource Management Proposal. Upon motion of John Ennett, seconded by Duane Soine the proposal was tabled until the August board meeting. Motion Carried.

Stanaway Property - Brownfield Proposal Board member reviewed the plans for the Stanaway site, located on Midway Drive. Phase #1 would be to put in the first of four, two bedroom townhouses on the site, with an additional four, two bedroom townhouses to be built at a later date. Approval had been given by the Planning Commission for the site plan, and the Brownfield Authority recommended the bid for development and engineering be awarded to TriMedia Environmental & Engineering at a cost not to exceed \$10,200.00. Upon motion John Ennett, seconded by Carl Nurmi, approval was given to award the bid for development and engineering of the Stanaway Brownfield project to TriMedia at a cost not to exceed \$10,200, and to move forward with the Brownfield proposal for the Stanaway site on the condition that a contract be drawn up between Negaunee Township and Bill Stanaway to state, that if the project did not go forward for any reason that the monies would be paid back to Negaunee Township. Motion Carried.

Correspondence

- Letter to Mr. & Mrs. Kurt Waters
- Letter to Truck Away
- Letter to North Country Disposal
- Letter to Employees
- Letter to Mr. Kevin Craig

Additional Public Comment

Joe Scanlan, 1) Thanked the Township for reimbursement of College tuition, and 2) asked the Board to consider waiving the \$300.00 charge for the Special Meeting of the Planning Commission. The Board responded “no” - stating that it might set a precedence.

Jim White, 131 Maple Ridge Road., thanked the Board for the hours they put in for the Board meeting.

Informational Items

- Township Relations Meeting
- Legal Documents - Pioneer Testing
- Utility Review Committee Report
- Dunn's Ditch
- E-mail Mr Jylha

Board Member Comment

Duane Soine stated the next board meeting would be on August 11, 2011.

John Ennett commented on the land purchase for the water tank, and noted nothing was happening.

Carl Nurmi asked about the County Rd. 510 extension.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled Township Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 11, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. at the Negaunee Township Hall.

Adjournment

No further business appearing, the meeting was duly adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Shier
Deputy Clerk