

Negaunee Township Regular Board Meeting – January 10, 2013

Call to Order

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

Absent: None

Agenda

Board members reviewed the revised agenda, including adding New Business (c) MIOSHA Training, and (d) Supervisor MTA Conference Travel Expense, along with Correspondence (b) Letter form Kevin Koch, and (c) MCRC Correspondence – Road Salt. Upon motion of John Ennett, seconded by Carl Nurmi, the revised agenda as presented was approved. Motion Carried.

Approval of Minutes

Board members reviewed the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on December 13, 2012. Upon motion of Carl Nurmi, seconded Duane Soine, the minutes as presented were approved. Motion Carried.

Public Comment

None

Old Business

Solid Waste Ordinance Board members again reviewed the Solid Waste Ordinance, including revisions made and reviewed by the Township Attorney. Upon motion of John Ennett, seconded by Carl Nurmi, the revised Negaunee Township Solid Waste Ordinance was adopted. Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Absent: 0 Motion Carried.

Solid Waste Ordinance Board members again reviewed the Solid Waste Ordinance User Fee Schedule. Upon motion of John Ennett, seconded by Carl Nurmi, the Solid Waste Ordinance User Fee Schedule as presented was approved, including \$12.00 per month per residence, \$12.00 per month (May-November) for Seasonal, with Snowbirds not to be assessed a fee – not to exceed 5 months. Motion Carried.

Five Year Recreation Plan Upon motion of Duane Soine, seconded by Carl Nurmi, the following Resolution was adopted:

Township of Negaunee Recreation Plan

WHEREAS, the Township of Negaunee has undertaken a Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2013 and 2017, and

WHEREAS, a public comment session was held on _____, 2012 Township Hall to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Negaunee has developed the Plan for the benefit of the entire community and to adopt the Plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community, and

WHEREAS, after the public meeting, the Negaunee Township Board of Trustees voted to adopt said Recreation Plan,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Township of Negaunee Board of Trustees hereby adopts the Township of Negaunee Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the Township of Negaunee.

Motion Carried
Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Absent: 0

New Business

Water Department – Back-Up and Consultant Fees The Board reviewed information pertaining to having a back-up licensed operator for the Water Department, along with a consultant to assist the new Water Department Supervisor. Upon motion of Carl Nurmi, seconded by Rachel Sertich, approval was given to pay Chris Tracy a retainer fee of \$100 a month to serve as a back-up licensed water system operation, along with a \$25.00 per hour call out rate, and for Mike Adams to serve as a Consultant to the Department (upon request) for a one year period at a cost of \$25.00 per hour. Motion Carried.

Zoning Ordinance Amendments Board members discussed various revisions to the Township's Zoning Ordinance. Upon motion of John Ennett, seconded by Duane Soine, approval was given approve amendments to Article X (Conditional Use Permits) and Article IV (General Regulations) for the Negaunee Township Zoning Ordinance, with the Zoning Administrator to see to the publication of the information. Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Absent: 0 Motion Carried.

OSHA Training Board members discussed the need for the Township to be MIOSHA compliant. Upon motion of John Ennett, seconded by Carl Nurmi, approval was given for Water Department Supervisor, Russ Williams, to attend the upcoming OSHA Training on February 8, 2013. Motion Carried.

MTA Conference Attendance – Bus Travel Fee Increase The Board had previously reviewed and approved a request from the Township Supervisor to attend the annual MTA conference in Detroit January 22-25, 2013. However, the cost for bus transportation was \$25 higher than anticipated. Upon motion of John Ennett, seconded by Carl Nurmi, the Township Supervisor was authorized to spend an additional \$25 for transportation to the MTA Annual Conference. Motion Carried.

Reports

Community Center Board Duane Soine, Board Liaison, updated the Board members on meeting held on January 2, 2013. Highlights included: 1) the Ice Rink opened as of January 3rd, 2) Tom Spencer and Bob Johnson will attend OSHA Training on February 8, 2013, 3) approval to reduce the percentage paid for the Water Department employee who assists the Community Center Board from 25% to 5%.

Water Department / Community Center Employee Wage Upon motion of Rachel Sertich, seconded by Carl Nurmi, approval was given for the Water Department to take on 95% of the wage for the Water Department / Community Center employee wage, with the remaining 5% to be paid by the Community Center Board. Motion Carried with John Ennett casting a negative vote.

Fire Department Report Jeff Kontio, Fire Chief, was in attendance to review the written Fire Department report dated January 10, 2013. Items highlighted included: 1) 12 calls for the month of November and 125 calls year-to-date and , and 2) combined fire and EMS training was annual CPR/AED training.

Fire Department Constitution and By Laws, and Suggested Operational Guidelines Upon motion of John Ennett, seconded by Carl Nurmi, board members approved the Negaunee Township Fire Department's adoption of their Constitution and By-Laws, along with Suggested Operational Guidelines. Motion Carried.

Water Report A written Water Report dated January, 2013 from the Water Department Supervisor, Russ Williams, was reviewed. The report noted: 1) new meters installation on Midway Drive from US 41 to Longyear Drive should be completed in the near future, and 2) sound testing is being conducted on hydrants on Co.Rd. 510 to try and detect a possible system water leak.

Clerk Report(Bills, Claims)

Water fund checks #6537 through #6550 totaling \$45,555.95 were reviewed. Upon motion of John Ennett, seconded by Carl Nurmi, the Water fund checks as presented were approved. Motion Carried.

General Fund checks #21593 through #21694 (total \$124,241.83) and ACH items for December, 2012 (total \$8,369.99) with a grand total of \$132,611.82 were reviewed. Upon motion of John Ennett, seconded by Carl Nurmi, the General fund items presented were approved. Motion Carried.

Planning Report Joe Scanlan, Zoning Administrator, and Al Reynolds, Planning Chairperson, provided an update on the monthly Planning Commission meeting January 8, 2013. including: 1) review of the MTA's Dilapidated Building sample ordinance, and the possibility of making the Miscellaneous Debris Ordinance and the Dilapidated Building Ordinance to separate ordinances and contracting an Inspector to review structures in question, 2) the Kurt Waters case will be going to Court on February 15, 2013 at the Ishpeming courthouse, and 3) clarification on violation penalties, and if the fees should be reviewed.

Assessor's Report Kelly Laakso, Assessor, provided a written report dated January 8, 2013 which included highlights on: 1) Assessment Records, 2) New Construction and Splits, 3) Personal Property Statements and 4) Assessment Deadline Change.

Treasurer's Report John Ennett, Treasurer, noted: 1) A-1 Hauling will be taken to court regarding the \$1,800 owed to the Township.

Supervisor's Report William Carlson, Township Supervisor, provided an update on Township activities since the last Board meeting. He noted he had 1) obtained the signatures for the new garbage contract, 2) attended various meetings on behalf of the Township, 3) informed the MCRC no Township roads were in need of dust control, and 4) been named the Marquette County MTA CUPPAD Representative.

Brownfield Authority Joe Scanlan, Brownfield Administrator, noted the Township will need to review those individuals which serve on the Authority as one individual passed away, and others no longer live in Negaunee Township.

Wellhead Protection Committee No report.

Advisory Trial Committee Al Reynolds noted work continues on the trail has halted for the winter months.

Personnel Committee Rachel Sertich, Chairperson of the Personnel Committee, noted no meetings had been held.

Emergency Management Report Mr. Carlson noted a number of address changes had come in, and all maps and manuals had been updated.

Correspondence

- Thank You Letter to Mike Adams
- Letter of appreciation from Kevin Koch dated 1/3/2013
- Letter from Road Commission – Road Salt

Additional Public Comment

Carrie Heard noted Wayne Moilinen, BOR member, will be at the February session. In addition, she reminded Board members the Brownfield warrant for the airport site will be done in July, 2013.

Informational Items

- None

Board Member Comment

John Ennett posed a question if construction costs had been obtained from the Marquette County Road Commission, and what would happen with the large dip in the blacktop on Heritage Drive where a culvert had been replace. The Supervisor noted the Road Commission had informed the Township the costs per mile remained consistent from the prior year.

Duane Soine asked if Board the 2013-2014 budget work session and Annual Meeting date could be set to help avoid any scheduling conflicts. (see "Next Meetings" section below).

Next Meetings

The next regularly scheduled Township Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 14, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. at the Negaunee Township Hall.

Annual Budget Work Session – Tuesday, February 26, 2013 – 6:00 p.m.

Annual Budget Hearing, Annual Meeting and Regular Board Meeting – Thursday, March 21, 2013
– 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Upon motion of John Ennett, seconded by Duane Soine, with no further business appearing, the meeting was duly adjourned at 8:28 p.m. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Sertich
Clerk