

Negaunee Township Regular Board Meeting – July 17, 2014

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 Duane Soine, Carl Nurmi and Rachel Sertich.

Absent: John Ennett

Agenda

The agenda as presented was reviewed and item (b) added under Old Business – Speed Study. Upon motion of Rachel Sertich, seconded by Carl Nurmi, the amended agenda as presented was approved. Motion Carried.

Approval of Minutes

Board members reviewed minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on June 12, 2014. Upon motion of Duane Soine, seconded by Carl Nurmi, the minutes as presented were approved. Motion Carried.

Public Comment

None

Old Business

Water Main Easement Board members discussed obtaining a permanent easement from the City of Negaunee for water main purposes with no charge for the easement. Upon motion of Carl Nurmi, seconded by Duane Soine, approval was given for Township officials to sign off on a permanent easement from the City of Negaunee for the construction and maintenance of water mains and appurtenances. Motion Carried.

Speed Study A two segment Speed Study Report from the Marquette County Road Commission for Co. Rd. 510 was reviewed. The roadway was broken into a section from Co. Rd. 502 to Hardwood Lane and from Hardwood Lane to the Dead River Bridge. For the Co.Rd. 502 to Hardwood Lane section, the 85th percentile speed was 47.5 mph. For the Hardwood Lane to Dead River Bridge section, the 85th percentile speed was 51.4 mph. Based on the posted speed limits and the corresponding results, it was determined no change in the speed limits was justified.

New Business

MTA Summit Attendance Information was provided to Board members on the MTA UP Summit to be held August 27-28, 2014 in Marquette. Breakout sessions for the meeting included Defending Planning & Zoning Decisions, Mind Your Mining and Inside the Michigan. Upon motion of Carl Nurmi, seconded by Duane Soine, approval was given for the Township Supervisor, Bill Carlson, and Zoning Administrator, Lauren Nenadovich, to attend the MTA UP Summit for a single-day session (August 28th) at a cost of \$119 per person. Motion Carried.

Reports

Community Center Board Duane Soine, Board Liaison, provided a report on the Community Center Board meeting held on July 2, 2014. Items highlighted included: 1) the guard rail at Kivela Field had been installed, 2) Midway Park fence had been worked on, 3) OSHA training had included testing and training on respirators, 4) with work not being performed on Waara 2, the money will be used for updating the Center kitchen with work to start sometime in the Fall, 5) a clause will be added to future Center rental contracts noting should the building be needed for an emergency, the Township would not be held liable for any damages resulting from the cancellation, and 6) Negaunee Little League would be contacted about the condition of the concession stand and the need to clean it on a regular basis.

Fire Department Report Jeff Konio, Fire Chief, was in attendance to review the written Fire Department / EMS report dated July 10, 2014: Items highlighted included: 1) 13 calls for the month of May (66 calls years to date), 2) training was the second for apparatus and hose testing cycles, 3) the Department is working to prepare for National Night Out which will now be held on August 7, 2014 from 6 – 8 pm with food being served.

Water Report Board members reviewed the written June, 2014 report from Water Supervisor, Russ Williams. Items highlighted included: 1) leak detection conducted on June 25th had found two leaks which had been repaired, 2) lead and copper samples had been collected as part of a 3 year testing cycle, 3) with the new equipment, all water meters had been read by one individual in a 4 hour period.

Clerk Report(Bills, Claims)

Water fund checks #6824 through #6842 with a total of \$51,423.03 were reviewed. Upon motion of Carl Nurmi, seconded by Duane Soine, the Water fund checks as presented were approved. Motion Carried.

General Fund checks #23298 through #23420 (total \$212,506.36) and ACH items for June, 2014 (total \$33,545.39) with a grand total of \$246,051.75 were reviewed. Upon motion of Carl Nurmi, seconded by Duane Soine, the General fund items presented were approved. Motion Carried.

The Clerk noted: 1) preparations are underway for the August 5th primary, 2) the annual audit is continuing with various departments responding to questions from Cowell & LaPointe, and 3) the current internet connection at the Township appears to be slow and is causing issues with updating the Township website due to being disconnected when uploading files. The computer / internet issue will be brought to the attention of the appropriate Township staff.

Planning Report Carl Nurmi, Board Liaison, provided an update on the Planning meeting held on July 8, 2014 along with a written report by Lauren Nenadovich, Zoning Administrator, dated July 14, 2014. Highlights included: 1) commercial site review for Highland Development rock code storage building.

Assessor's Report The Assessor's report was not available to Board members, but the Township Supervisor noted work was continuing with the re-appraisal of property on the west end of North Basin Driv,e..

Treasurer's Report Board members reviewed a copy of the Treasurer's bank account report dated July, 2014.

3 Year Road Contract Billing Summary Upon motion Duane Soine, seconded by Carl Nurmi, approval was given to adopt the following 3 year road contract billing breakdown.

Cedar Lane					
	Payment	Principal	Interest	Total	Balance
09/30/15	1	19,689.51	0.00	19,689.51	39,379.01
09/30/15	2	19,689.50	2,165.85	21,855.35	19,689.51
09/30/16	3	19,689.51	1,082.92	20,772.43	0.00
		59,068.52	3,248.77	62,317.29	59,068.52

Annex Road					
	Payment	Principal	Interest	Total	Balance
09/30/15	1	25,373.86	0.00	25,373.86	50,747.72
09/30/15	2	25,373.86	2,791.12	28,164.98	25,373.86
09/30/16	3	25,373.86	1,395.56	26,769.42	0.00
		76,121.58	4,186.68	80,308.26	76,121.58

Wilderness Road					
	Payment	Principal	Interest	Total	Balance
09/30/15	1	58,523.33	0.00	58,523.33	117,046.67
09/30/15	2	58,523.34	6,437.57	64,960.91	58,523.33
09/30/16	3	58,523.33	3,216.78	61,740.11	0.00
		175,570.00	9,654.35	185,224.35	175,570.00

Motion Carried

Supervisor's Report William Carlson, Township Supervisor, provided an update on Township activities since the last Board meeting, including meetings regarding the proposed truck route through the City of Marquette.

Wellhead Protection Committee No report.

Brownfield Authority No report, however, a Brownfield meeting is being set up for the near future.

Advisory Trial Committee Al Reynolds provided an update on projects currently underway on the Iron Ore Heritage Trail including kiosks and signage.

Personnel Committee Rachel Sertich, Chairperson of the Personnel Committee, provided an update for a meeting held on July 16, 2014, including: 1) the need for a Maternity Leave Policy, 2) Review of Section 4.6 Comp Time / Callout Time, 3) current Boot Policy and 4) Health Insurance rates.

Safety Boot Policy Board members discussed the cost of safety boots and the need to increase the current allowance in the Personnel Policy from \$100 up to \$250. Upon motion of Carl Nurmi, seconded by Duane Soine, Section 12.11.2 of the Township's Personnel Policy was revised to the following:

Employees in the Department of Public Works and custodial staff will be given an allowance to purchase safety boots. Negaunee Township will pay up to \$250.00 every two years for safety boots for those employees required to wear them. Once the employee provides a receipt for the purchase, they will be reimbursed up to \$250 or the cost of the boots (whichever amount is less). It will be at the discretion of the Supervisor to replace shoes damaged in the line of duty in between the two year period.

Motion Carried

Emergency Management Report Mr. Carlson noted manuals and maps were up-to-date.

Correspondence

- Attorney Letter dtd 6/19/14 – Dead River Campers

Additional Public Comment

Jackie Shier, Co. Rd. 480, thanked Russ Williams for the work done to make the float which participated in Negaunee's Pioneer Days Parade. She said fun was had by all those who participated and passed out candy and water.

Informational Items

- Marquette City Truck Route
- Proposal 1 Information

Board Member Comment

Carl Nurmi noted he would not be in attendance at the August 14, 2014 Board meeting as he would be out of town on that date.

Next Meetings

The next scheduled Township Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 14, 2014, to be held at 7 p.m. at the Negaunee Township Hall.

Adjournment

No further business appearing and upon motion of Carl Nurmi, seconded by Rachel Sertich, the meeting was duly adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Sertich
Negaunee Township Clerk