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**BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
September 11, 2012**

The regular monthly meeting of the Beaver Creek Township Board was called to order by the supervisor on September 11, 2012 at 7:00 pm. All board members were present: Ashton, Balmes, Summers, Little and Hartman.

The Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation were led by the supervisor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Little and seconded by Balmes to approve the minutes for the August 14th meeting as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Motion by Little and seconded by Summers to accept the treasurer's report as presented. All ayes, motion carried

CLERK'S REPORT:

Absentee ballots will be available the last week of September. Traci Nelson will be appointed as Deputy Clerk.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

The supervisor has attended various meetings of the Crawford County MTA Chapter, tire cleanup meeting, supervisors meetings and Crawford County Trails meeting. A dumpster is being brought in to clean up four sites in the township where trash has been dumped along the roads or in the woods.

The tire cleanup Saturday, September 15th at the Crawford County Road Commission Building. They could still use a few more volunteers.

The supervisor and clerk were asked by the township attorney to meet with him on September 7th regarding the Pension Ordinance. The following is a statement written by the clerk with information the attorney wished given to the board:

Supervisor and Clerk met with council at his request to discuss the Pension Ordinance. This is something that this board is not responsible for, but we have an obligation to take care of. It is in fact, an "unfunded mandate". Discussion of how to fund, long term implications and exploring avenues of how to take care of it is being reviewed by Council. He is also exploring if there is any possible insurance coverage for the past due amounts.

Council considers two parts to the Ordinance. He is working on the past. We will start with the current as of this date:

1. Treasurer will set up Chemical Bank account to hold estimated amounts until retirement accounts can be set up for the four fire personnel considered entitled to said benefits. Check (estimate) will be written from this September AP that will go into said account.
2. Burham & Flower will be contacted to make arrangements to open said retirement accounts.
3. Funds will be taken from General Fund until Ordinance can be rewritten.

Natalie from Burnham & Flower, who administers our John Hancock Pension, will be at the fire department on Wednesday, September 19th at 1:00 pm to discuss setting up the pensions for the full time employees.

H.L.U.A.:

The meeting discussed the problems with the alarms on pumps.

DPW:

Everything is running good at the transfer site.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

The fire department is doing maintenance on truck 722. The roof on the day room will be replaced shortly.

On a personal note, the fire chief stated that he had started work here in April 1982 and planned on retiring the end of 2011. He stayed during 2012 because of the transition at Weyerhaeuser and issues in the oil fields, with the Reverse 911 system being approved and currently being worked on. As of December 31, 2012, he will be retiring. The board needs to make decisions on how to handle hiring a new fire chief as soon as possible.

PLANNING/ZONING:

There have been two building permits, two complaints and various old complaints being worked on this month.

Attended the township Planning Commission meeting where they discussed the proposed Noise Ordinance and several ordinances that need changes.

Attended the county Planning Commission meeting where the Noise Ordinance is being worked on for all townships approval.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Recycling minutes
2. DEQ Grant Application Approval for Gerrish Township
3. Letter from Pauline Hatfield
4. DEQ/FEMA
5. Crawford Central Dispatch Report
6. ACO Report

7. Letter from Brabant regarding his charges
8. Letter from AuSable Valley Youth Services

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The proposed Noise Ordinance should be brought back to this board next meeting.
2. Zoning Administrator request from last meeting for a mileage and cell phone reimbursement has been withdrawn.
3. Motion by Hartman and seconded by Balmes to correct the typo mistake on the amount of the Fire Chief salary on the Wage Scale report from \$35,318.00 per year to read \$38,318.00 per year. Roll call vote with all ayes, motion carried.
4. Motion by Ashton and seconded by Little to accept the Healthcare Ordinance as presented with one change (see below) and with approval by our attorney. Section III, F, 2. to read as follows: The township will pay their Part B supplemental amount and Part D drug coverage. No 20% withholding will take place. This amount is not to exceed the amount paid by the township for its standard medical policy. The supplemental plans, currently A-N (they change yearly), may be chosen by participant. Roll call vote with all ayes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Explanation regarding Liquor Fund. The State said they would be sending enforcement money to the county, but has since changed it again and the liquor fund will be handled as always, with our enforcement officer Randy Baerlocker and the township paying him \$75.00 per month for inspections.
2. Motion by Ashton and seconded by Little to pay the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$62,259.35, checks #27502-27560. All ayes, motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Several comments were heard from the audience.

Patrick Ertel, Huron Pines, asked that you contact him with comments regarding the Higgins Lake level studies.

Lee Riley thanked the Fire Chief, Ed Holtcamp, for his years of service to our township. He wonders where our county and township would be today if Ed had not worked so hard on all the things he has accomplished.

Ashton also stated that we have all benefited from Eds knowledge and it will be the township's loss when he retires.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Sharon K. Hartman
Clerk