

**BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 10, 2011**

The Beaver Creek Township Board held its regular meeting on Monday evening, January 10, 2011, at 7:00 pm. Board members present: Ashton, Balmes, Summers, Little and Hartman. There were 11 guests present.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation let by the Supervisor.

Motion by Balmes and seconded by Little to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Motion by Little and seconded by Hartman to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:**

There are openings on the ZBA board, if anyone is interested. The Christmas Program as a tremendous success.

**HIGGINS LAKE UTILITY AUTHORITY:**

The H.L.U.A. is checking to see if there are any interested businesses that would like to be added onto the sewer.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

The hydrant on W. 4 Mile Road was used for the 4 Mile Road Welding fire.

**DPW:**

Compactor concerns regarding pump pressure have been found to be the regulator. A plan is being worked with A1 to have a dumpster on the premises to be used to get rid of televisions, computers, etc.

**PLANNING & ZONING:**

There were 22 permits issued in 2010.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Signage replacement is being worked on for the township and certain intersections in the oil fields.
2. Discussion regarding a Tire Collection Policy at our transfer site. It was suggested that unimproved property owners should be able to drop off tires also if they want to purchase a transfer site sticker. It was also suggested that those wishing to get rid of tires should first pay for it at the offices if they can, which is better than having the attendant dealing with it. Motion by Balmes and seconded by Little to accept the Tire Collection Policy as presented, with the above changes. All ayes, motion carried.

**TIRE COLLECTION POLICY AT TRANSFER SITE  
To Take Effect: January 10, 2011**

**In an effort to help keep our community of Beaver Creek Township clean and in an effort to keep tires from being left in the woods etc., the township has started a new program whereby residents can turn in old and abandoned tires at our transfer site for a charge of \$3.50 per tire which will**



**help towards our cost of getting rid of these tires and transportation to a facility to get rid of said tires. Through tire cleanup programs in the past, we have rid hundreds of tires from our community, but we do not believe that there will be future summer tire cleanup programs.**

At a Special Meeting held November 15, 2010 the following motion was made:

Motion by Balmes and seconded by Hartman to take in 4 tires per year from improved property owners at the transfer site at a charge of \$3.50 per tire, for a 12 month trail period. All ayes, motion carried.

The motion has stated that we can go ahead with the new tire program, but rules are now needed to help implement the program. A policy was implemented January 10, 2011, to help with the collection of used tires at our transfer site. They are as follows:

- a. Tires must be delivered to transfer site, and unloading them and paying the \$3.50 charge per tire must not interfere with garbage removal being brought in by residents. Resident will place tires where instructed by attendant.
- b. Only 4 tires per year per sticker.
- c. Payment should be made at the township offices during regular business hours. Resident would then be issued a receipt to take to the transfer site with their tires and present to the attendant showing payment has been made. If this cannot be done and resident wants to make payment at the transfer site, payment must be made by check, payable to Beaver Creek Township, or if cash, the exact amount must be given to attendant, he will not have the ability to make change.
- d. Tire information regarding the number of tires, name of resident bringing in tires and amount of money received must be kept by attendant. The money and information must be given to the secretary on Monday or Thursday mornings by attendant.
- e. No tires full of water.
- f. Only tires from automobiles or like vehicles. No tractor/equipment tires.
- g. No rims.
- h. Unimproved property owners can drop off tires at the transfer site if they first purchase a transfer site sticker from the township.

3. Motion by Balmes and seconded by Little to accept our township portion of the purchase of the G.I.S. Arial Computer program to be paid to Crawford County in the amount of \$400 over the next two fiscal year periods, 2011-2012 budget year and the 2012-2113 budget year. Roll call vote with all ayes, motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Summers ask that the Employee Compensation subject be removed from the agenda until a later date.

2. Discussion regarding renting the room currently used for the library to the H.L.U.A. Motion by Little and seconded by Balmes to offer to rent to the H.L.U.A the room in the amount of \$350.00 per month. (If we have any insurance increases from this action, the amount will have to be reconsidered.) All ayes, motion carried. The matter of the splitting the Charter invoice was brought up, but no decision made. They would use the room during our regular hours, but probably need a key also.

3. Discussion regarding renewal of our General Insurance Policy. Motion by Hartman and seconded by Little to accept the General Insurance Policy as presented, without any added coverage. Roll call vote with all ayes, motion carried.

4. Motion by Balmes and seconded by Little to approve the Poverty Exemption Guidelines for 2011. Roll call vote with all ayes, motion carried. It is as follows:

**AMENDED POVERTY GUIDELINES RESOLUTION  
For the year 2011**

**SECTION A**

WHEREAS, the adoption of guidelines for poverty exemptions is within the purview of the Township Board; and

WHEREAS, the homestead of persons who, in the judgment of the Supervisor and Board of Review, by reason of poverty, are unable to contribute to the public charges is eligible for exemption in whole or part from taxation under Public Act 390, 1994 (MCL 211.7u); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to P.A. 390, 1994, Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County, adopts the following guidelines for the Supervisor and Board of Review to implement. The guidelines shall include but not be limited to the specific income and asset levels of the claimant and all persons residing in the household, including any property tax credit returns, filed in the current or immediately preceding year;

To be eligible, a person shall do all the following on an annual basis:

- 1) Be an owner of and occupy as a homestead the property for which an exemption is requested. A property is defined by a parcel number on the assessment and or tax roll for the Township and is recorded with a "Principal Residence Exemption", which includes qualified agricultural property.
- 2) File a claim with the Board of Review, or Township Supervisor, accompanied by Federal and State income tax returns for all persons residing in the homestead, including any property tax credit returns filed in the immediately preceding year or in the current year.
- 3) Produce a valid driver's license or other form of identification if requested.
- 4) Produce a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested, if requested.
- 5) Meet the Federal poverty income standards as defined and determined annually by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
- 6) Meet asset levels set by the governing body of the local assessing unit.
- 7) The application for an exemption shall be filed after January 1, but before the day prior to the last day of Board of Review.
- 8) Any additional eligibility requirements as determined by the Township Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Review shall follow the above stated policy and Federal guidelines in granting or denying an exemption, unless the Board of Review determines there are substantial and compelling reasons why there should be a deviation from the policy and Federal guidelines and these are communicated in writing to the claimant.

The amended resolution was adopted November 13, 1995. Section figures were updated January 6, 2011, as follows:

**SECTION B**

The following are the poverty thresholds as of December 31, 2010, for use in setting poverty exemption guidelines for 2010 income levels:

NUMBER OF PERSONS RESIDING IN HOMESTEAD	ANNUAL ALLOWABLE INCOME
1 person	10,800
2 persons	14,600
3 persons	18,300
4 persons	22,100
5 persons	25,800
6 persons	29,500
7 persons	33,300
8 persons	37,000
For each additional person, add	3,700

SECTION C

Total asset levels for residents not to exceed. . . . . \$ 70,000  
 Total asset levels for agricultural not to exceed. . . . . \$150,000

5. Nothing new on recycling and we will put it on next months agenda.
6. Motion by Little and seconded by Balmes to accept the 2011 Closing Dates as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	DATE CLOSED	DATE REOPENED
NEW YEAR'S DAY (2011)	SAT Jan 1	F Dec 31	M Jan 3
MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY M	Jan 17	M Jan 17	T Jan 18
PRESIDENT'S DAY	M Feb 21	M Feb 21	T Feb 22
GOOD FRIDAY	F Apr 22	F Apr 22	M Apr 25
MEMORIAL DAY	M May 30	M May 30	T May 31
INDEPENDENCE DAY	M Jul 4	M Jul 4	T Jul 5
LABOR DAY	M Sept 5	M Sept 5	T Sept 6
VETERAN'S DAY	F Nov 11	F Nov 11	M Nov 14
THANKSGIVING DAY	TH Nov 24	TH Nov 24	M Nov 28
DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING	F Nov 25	F Nov 25	M Nov 28
CHRISTMAS EVE DAY	SAT Dec 24	F Dec 23	T Dec 27
CHRISTMAS DAY	SUN Dec 25	M Dec 26	T Dec 27
NEW YEAR'S DAY (2012)	SUN Jan 1	M Jan 2	T Jan 3

7. Motion by Balmes and seconded by Little to pay the Accounts Payable bills in the amount of \$50,794.80, checks #25733-#25767. Roll call vote with all ayes, motion carried.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

1. Bob from Fox Run had two concerns regarding the Sunday liquor sales: 1.) from a competition view point, it is very bad for his golf course if Grayling Country Club can have Sunday morning sales and he cannot and 2.) Sunday mornings are the worst for smuggling alcohol into a golf course, and Sunday morning sales would policy that action.

Townships are awaiting an opinion from the Attorney General's office as to whether the county has jurisdiction over the township's wishes.

2. Judy Umlor enjoyed the Christmas Concert and children's choir.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Sharon K. Hartman  
 Clerk

