

**BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 09, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Beaver Creek Township Board was held on Tuesday, October 09, 2012, called to order at 7:00 pm. Board members present: Ashton, Balmes, Hartman, Summers and Little.

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

Jerry Balmes spoke about a "Commercial Rehabilitation Act" and suggested that the board consider this. He looked at the Act and the request of the new owners of Skyline, but there might be more commercial properties that could benefit. It is a state program, and gives a tax abatement, but does not change zoning. It sets up a "district" that would possibly qualify for rehabilitation. The Clerk will give copies of the information we have to board members and put this on next month's agenda.

**Minutes:**

Motion by Little and seconded by Balmes to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2012 and September 27, 2012 meetings. All ayes, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Motion by Ashton and seconded by Little to accept the treasurers report as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

**Clerks Report:**

Voters were asked to review what is on the November ballot before getting to the polls as it is a very long ballot.

Update on the pension issue. The clerk has talked to Attorney Brabant today and there are a number of issues being worked on. He is waiting to talk with our insurance company. We are currently doing as our attorney instructed by putting money into a Chemical Bank account to fund future pension. He suggested a special meeting to discuss what should go into a new Ordinance for pension to take the pension costs from the special assessment. Once he talks to our insurance company, I hope that it will be clear what direction we need to take regarding the past unpaid pension.

**Supervisors Report:**

At the tire cleanup, three semis were filled with tires. Five illegal dumping sites in the township are being cleaned up. The supervisor has attended a recycling meeting, MTA Chapter meeting and HLUA meeting. Snowplowing bids for this winter are being received.

**H.L.U.A. Report:**

HLUA has no new issues, with pumps working well.

**DPW:**

Hydrants will be winterized starting next week. At transfer site, winter operation has been started.

**Fire Department:**

1. The fire chief has prepared a "Requirements Necessary for Fire Chief Position at Beaver Creek Township" list. The list includes the following:
  1. Firefighter I & II
  2. Fire Instructor I

3. Hazmat Awareness & Operation Instructor
4. Drivers Training Instructor
5. FEMA ICS 100, 200, 300, 700, 800
6. Cert. of National Fire Academy National Response Plan
7. Meet requirements of NIMS
8. Hazmat Hazwhopper Tech level
9. Complete Education Methodology
10. Certificate of DNR Wildfire Urban Interface
11. Successful completion of FF Right to Know Training
12. Successful completion of Operation Level Trench Rescue
13. Confined space operations level
14. Successful completion of Technical Rescue Operations Level
15. Minimum of 5 years of Officer and Command position

To become a fire fighter, it takes 7 months @ 2 times per week and every other Saturday plus three months of training after completion; thus we are having trouble getting new fire fighters.

The State of Michigan requires more safety for industry, confined space. We take care of it for Georgia Pacific and Weyerhaeuser, Breitburn is too far away.

Discussion regarding procedure for the hiring of a new fire chief with suggestion by Summers and consensus of board to have the supervisor meet with the one individual that currently works for the fire department that meets the above criteria and see if he is interested, etc. Balmes suggested that we need to get others in the department trained so that they can move up.

2. There is a new oil well being drilled south of the corner of King Road and W. 5 Mile Road by a company from Denver. This is a large well with very deep holes. Fire chief is hoping to have the Reverse 911 operational before November 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **Planning & Zoning:**

There have been three permits issued this month for new construction.

A Noise Ordinance is being worked on at the County Planning Commission meetings.

The zoning administrator is working on signs on state land with DNR's Susan Thiel. This is a countywide issue, especially with people that have to cross state land to get to their property.

### **Correspondence:**

1. MTA Quarterly Meeting Minutes
2. ACO Report
3. Attorney Brabant regarding Healthcare Ordinance

### **Old Business:**

Recycling money shortfall. There is a \$6,000 shortfall and the amount being billed to our township is \$656.00. The yearly recycling invoice for \$1,500 will take us thru March 2013. Motion by Balmes and seconded by Little to pay the \$2,156.00 amount requested by Crawford County for recycling. Roll call vote with all ayes, motion carried.

### **New Business:**

1. Balmes explained the HLUA overrun and shortage amounts in regard to the townships portion of the sewer assessment. We have been collecting a .05% collection fee from Camp Cornelia for five years to help cover costs. The overrun is due to the fact that the Authority spent more than was originally asked for and the shortage is due to the bond attorney's estimate being short due to interest rates being so low. The overrun amount started at \$8,014.23 and is currently at \$4,126.23 due to payments from the HLUA. The

shortfall started at \$14,297.67 and with the .05% collected and interest, the balance is currently \$5,255.76. Balmes does not feel it necessary to renew the .05% collection fee.

Motion by Ashton and seconded by Little to allow Balmes to abstain from voting on this matter as she is a resident at Camp Cornelia. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Hartman and seconded by Little to not renew the .05 fee. Roll call vote with all ayes, motion carried.

2. Motion by Balmes and seconded by Little to authorize Hartman to sign the Priority Health Insurance Agreement. Roll call vote with all ayes, motion carried.

3. Motion by Little and seconded by Hartman to pay the accounts payable in the amount of \$22,665.86, checks #27621-#27661. Roll call vote with all ayes, motion carried.

**Comments from the audience:**

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Trunk or Treat will be held on October 31<sup>st</sup> at the township and it will be put on our web site.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Sharon K. Hartman  
Clerk