

UNAPPROVED

MINUTES
COURTLAND TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
February 14, 2024 - 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor McConnon.

ROLL CALL:

Board Members present: Brown, Frandsen, Hartman, McConnon and Porter.

Members absent: Andersen and McIntyre

Also present: Fire Chief, Steve Mojzuk, and 7 spectators.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Approval of agenda – McConnon added Agenda items D. Budget Amendment- Elections, E. Signage Quotes, F. Grant Application Approval – Fire Dept. A motion by Brown, Porter seconded to approve the agenda, as amended. All yes, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Ryan Wilemski from Kent Conservation District gave a presentation on the invasive species, Bittersweet Vine, and the problems it causes for native species. KCD would like to partner with local townships to develop Drinking Water Protection Plans and Invasive Species Removal efforts to improve properties and educate residents about these issues.

Lt. Cammenga presented details about the new officers assigned to the township, including a number of incidents they responded to within the last month, dispatch and response times, and increased visibility of officers.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Consent Agenda- A motion by Frandsen, Brown seconded to approve the consent agenda.

Roll call vote; All yes; motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Regular Board meeting January 3, 2024.

Treasurer's Report: Approval of January bills for payment- General, Sewer, Lake, and Fire Funds. A motion by Frandsen seconded by Brown to approve Treasurer's report and pay bills. All yes, motion carried.

STANDING REPORTS:

Supervisor's Report/ Building Permits/NKSA, GVMC and GGTC –

Building Permits- 3 new homes, 6 manufactured homes.

NKSA: McConnon reported discussion at Sewer of removing PFAS by EGLE.

GVMC: No meeting

GGTC: No meeting

The Kent County Road Commission is planning to install a round-a-bout at the intersection of 10 Mile Rd and Myers Lake Ave. They are still in the planning and acquisition phase and may be built in 2025. MDOT is considering installing a roundabout at 14 Mile and Northland Dr. This is being planned for possible build in 2027.

Rockford Area Community Endowment: Rockford's Got Talent event was held on February 3, 2024 and had great attendance. The program had proceeds of about \$30,000. Minutes are included in Board packet.

Courtland Township Park & Trails: Hartman reported that Annis Preserve boardwalk was approved to be shortened by EGLE. This will reduce the costs associated with it. A French Drain will be installed between 10 Mile and the parking area to eliminate water issues. Port-a-John will not be in place during winter/snow months.

Fire Chief's Report: Number of calls for January was 48. (Full report included in Board Packet). The fire chief asked the Board for authorization to apply for a grant to replace the air packs due to the manufacturer of the current ones are no longer in business and replacement parts are scarce. The grant would require a 10% match from the township.

Zoning Board of Appeals: One Variance Request for front & side yard variance on Brower Lake was approved.

Planning Commission Report: Resolution for Special Land Use of Property at 10680 Northland Dr. and Master Plan Public Review. No meeting planned for February or March.

OLD BUSINESS:

Soccer fields: the board discussed installing two soccer fields without irrigation to reduce the cost of the project. Frandsen moved, Brown seconded to proceed with plans for installation of two soccer fields east of the ballfield. All yes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Resolution 2024-04 to present draft of Master Plan for Public Comment for 63 days. Hartman moved, Brown seconded. All yes, motion carried.
- B. Resolution 2024-05 Amendment to Special Land Use of property at 10860 Northland Dr. for expansion of the Adult Foster Care home, increasing number of residents from 16 to 20. Hartman moved, Frandsen seconded. All yes, motion carried.
- C. Proposal: Sewer pump stations 2,3,4,5,7,8,9 & 10 engineering. This will allow the township to solicit bids for the entire project. Porter moved, Hartman seconded. All yes, motion carried.
- D. Budget amendment to increase the election expenses by \$15,000. Brown moved, Frandsen seconded. All yes, motion carried.
- E. Approval of sign purchases, motion to table by Frandsen, seconded by Porter. All yes, motion carried.
- F. Approval of fire department request to apply for a joint grant with other departments to replace air packs. Moved by Porter, seconded by Hartman. All yes, Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

A resident commented that she was happy to see the soccer field proposal moving forward.

Another resident spoke about the redistricting of elementary students. They will be attending Meadow Ridge Elementary instead of Parkside.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Porter- Not in favor of Northland roundabout idea.

Frandsen-

Brown-Property taxes are due today, Feb. 14. After March 1, must be paid at Kent County Treasurer's Office.

Hartman- Early Voting starts Sat., Feb 17. Feels very fortunate to have so many wonderful election inspectors, AVCB, Receiving Bd members!

McConnon-Met Sheriff Deputy today. Charter is placing fiber underground, but no maps are available for coverage areas. Looking at various sources of funds for sewer improvements, but due to our median household income, Courtland does not qualify for grants and special financing. The Board will need to decide on the upcoming fire millage for the August ballot. Suggest that we set aside some of the fund balance for future capital purchases and just do a renewal of the current millage with no increase.

Next Regular Board Meeting will be March 13, 2024, at 7:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business the board meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: _____

Susan K. Hartman, Clerk

Dated: _____

Matt McConnon, Supervisor