

Paradise Township Board
Regular meeting
December 10, 2008

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order by supervisor Dean at: 7:00 pm

Board members present: Dean, Gulliver, King, Trudell and Whims

Approval of Minutes: Whims/King: move to approve minutes of regular meeting on Nov 12, 2008. Carried 5/0.

Approval of Agenda: King/ Whims move to approve agenda with additions. Carried 5/0. Addition under New Business item 7 Funding Agreement with Grand Traverse County Commission on Aging.

Public Input: None

Regular Reports:

Ambulance: Report was given by Brian Carpenter. He stated that they made 20 calls in November. They have a new member that will need to be trained.

Fire Department: Report given by Ron Hollister. He stated they had 9 runs for November. Saturday they are cleaning out the old station to prepare for the move.

Sheriff Department: The officer reported that they had a total of 170 calls for service in November. They have made arrests in the three break-ins from last month.

Planning Commission: Report given by Phil Hamner. He reported they had approved their by-laws. He requested a joint session with the Township Board in January at the regular Planning Commission meeting to discuss the Master Plan and the Planning Commission Ordinance. The Commission also brought up the idea of hiring a recording secretary to record the minutes for the Township Board meetings and Committee meetings. He also stated that the board needs to identify the key interest of the township.

County Association: Report given by Marie Dean. She stated they are looking at a web site to tie various townships together to provide better communication.

Parks & Recreation: No Report/ No Meeting.

County Commissioner: Report given by Larry Fleis. He congratulated the new board, listed the new appointments to the county boards and explained

the new parking garage at Copper Ridge. He introduced Fred Keeslar from the Health Department. Fred stated that they would like to do a study to determine if they can put an Adolescent Health Clinic in Kingsley either school based or school linked. **King/Whims motion to write a letter in support approving the concept of opening an Adolescent Health Clinic in Paradise Township. Carried 5/0.**

Zoning Administrator: Report given by Marvin Radtke Jr. He stated we have received approval of the Partnership for Change Grant. The next meeting for this is on Thursday December 14, 2008, where they will finalize the scope of the work. The grant was designed to help the Village and the Township learn how to work together better.

Assessor: No Report

NEW Business

1. Township Office Hours inclement weather: The matter was discussed and we will leave the policy as is.
2. Committee Appointments Township Board: **Whims/King motion to approve the following committee appointments: Carried 5/0.**
 - a. **Civic Center South Dean/King**
 - b. **Village Council King/ Dean**
 - c. **Rural Fire Dean/Trudell**
 - d. **Planning Commission Whims/Gulliver**
 - e. **MPP Gulliver/Trudell**
 - f. **Cemetery Committee Gulliver/Dean**
 - g. **Parks & Recreation Trudell/Dean**
 - h. **KMP Dean/King**
 - i. **MTA Association Dean**
 - j. **Camp Pugsley Dean**
 - k. **Traverse City Parks & Recreation Trudell/Dean**
3. Board of Review: **Whims/Gulliver motion to reappoint current Board of Review. Current Board members are Marie Dean recording Secretary, Susan Covault, Tom Raven, Dick Wooters, Karen Send Alt. Carried 5/0.**
4. Request for Funds from Evergreen Cemetery Committee: **King/Trudell motion to pay cemetery bills contingent on explanation of Northland bills for May and June for fuel, food and misc. Carried 5/0.**
5. Christmas Party Reminder: Marie reminded every one of the Township Christmas party on Dec 16.
6. MTA Conference: Board Members that plan on attending are Dean, King and Gulliver.

7. Funding Agreement with Grand Traverse County Commission on Aging: It was discussed and determined it was the Treasurers responsibility to sign the contract.

Old Business: None

Township Board Reports:

Supervisor: Requested that Grange be able to meet at the Township hall on the third Tuesday of the month during the winter. The board agreed.

Clerk: The clerk reported that she is working on organizing the clerks' office and looking into upgrading to QVF lite, the software used to confirm or update voter registration records. Also we are planning a May election for a school millage.

Treasurer: The treasurer reported that the tax bills have all been mailed; he is working on getting the Township online access to all our accounts.

Trustee: Trustee Trudell requested that we have Steed Excavating remove some of the snow from our banks near the road. Trustee Whims welcomed the new board members.

Approval of pending bills: Motion by: Whims/King pay the December 2008 bills and Draw # 3 as presented. Trudell yes, King yes, Dean yes, Gulliver yes, Whims yes. Carried 5/0.

Whims/King: motion to adjourn; carried 5/0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm.