

**Paradise Township Board
Regular Meeting
OCTOBER 14, 2009**

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Dean at: 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Approval of Agenda: Changes to agenda are as follows:

Added under New Business:

7. Snow Plowing Bids

Motion: Trudell, Second King: Carried 4/0 (Whims not present for vote).

Consent Agenda: The purpose of the consent calendar is to expedite business by grouping non-controversial items together to be dealt with in one Board Motion without discussion. Any member of the public, board, or staff may ask that any item of the consent calendar be removed and placed elsewhere on the Agenda for full discussion. Such request will be automatically respected. **Motion: King, Second Gulliver. King yes, Trudell yes, Gulliver yes, Dean yes: Carried 4/0** (Whims not present for vote).

Township Bills pre approved
Parks and Recreation Bills
Grand Traverse Rural Fire
Minutes of September 10, 2009

Zoning Report

Treasurer's Report

Supervisor's Report

Parks and Recreation Report

Clerk's Report

County Planning Report

County Association Report

Announcements/Correspondence:

Gulliver indicated that she has received a letter from Ross Childs, GT County, requesting that he be put on the Agenda for the Township Board Meeting in December to discuss the Septage Treatment Facility. Dean indicated that the Township Board meeting in December may be a joint township meeting with Fife Lake, Mayfield and Union Townships.

Special Reports:

Sheriff Department: Report given by Officer Taylor. There were 35 citations, eight (8) traffic crash, one (1) personal injury, 16 criminal arrests, and 132 calls for service.

County Commissioner: Report given by Larry Fleis on the following:

- County Budget public hearing will be on Oct. 20th.
- Septage Finance Committee
- The following County Boards will have openings (current terms expire on 12-31-09). Please call Chris Cramer for an application at (231) 922-4797.
 - Commission on Aging
 - BATA
 - Building Authority (must be licensed in a trade)
 - Economic Development Corporation (EDC)
 - Grand Traverse Central Dispatch
 - Parks and Recreation
 - Planning Commission
 - Resource Recovery
 - Traverse Area District Library

Fire Department: Report given by Chief Ron Hollister. There have been 12 calls for service in the past month. There was a great turn out for the Fire/EMS Station Open House which was held on October 10th. The new memorial plaque has been mounted on the rock in front of the flag pole located between the Fire/EMS Station and the Township Hall. There have been 14 trainings at the Bach House and the Hannah House. Chief Hollister indicated that they will be running live fire trainings this Saturday.

Ambulance: No report given.

Planning Commission: Mr. Whims reported that Tim Wicksall will be the Planning Commission Chairman as dictated through the By-laws of the Planning Commission. The survey results have been tabulated and were presented at the October Planning Commission Meeting. Each member will write up a synopsis to indicate what they feel are the top priorities according to the results of the survey and what should be implemented in the Master Plan.

Public Input (non-agenda items): None

Old Business

- 1. Blackman and Wood Cemeteries:** The Board discussed what is necessary to assume control of the Blackman and Wood Cemeteries. It was decided that the Board will not proceed due to budget constraints.
- 2. Assessor Contract Changes:** Mr. Whims was unable to look over the Assessor Contract and asked that this agenda item be tabled and placed on the agenda for the November Board Meeting.
- 3. EMS Building Walk Through:** Chief Hollister indicated that the problem areas have been addressed with the exception of the leakage problem at the base of the building. It was decided that a walk through is not necessary. However, there will be further investigation regarding the water leakage and repair options.
- 4. Septage Plant Resolution #09-10-14: Trudell/King: motion to accept Resolution #09-10-14: Trudell yes, Dean yes, King yes, Whims yes, Gulliver yes: Carried 5/0.**

New Business:

- 1. Audit Report:** King and Gulliver presented the Audit report to the Board. Paradise Township received very favorable results. **King/Whims: motion to accept Audit as presented: Carried 5/0.**

King requested that Budget Adjustments be placed on the agenda for the November Board Meeting.

- 2. Evergreen Cemetery:** Dean indicated that Paradise Township received a contract from Camp Pugsley for providing fall clean-up services at Evergreen Cemetery. The contract was signed by Dean and returned with no changes. She indicated that Camp Pugsley's prior contract ended on September 30th. Therefore, in order for them to finish up the fall clean-up at Evergreen Cemetery, a new contract needed to be signed and returned quickly. The Board requested that Camp Pugsley be notified that in the future they should submit any new contracts to the Board with ample time to process and approve its implementation.

Trudell requested that the Cemetery Board be asked to attend the November Board Meeting.

3. **Job Description:** The Board discussed the Zoning/Planning Administrator job description. There were some concerns regarding Labor Laws brought up. Mr. Trudell indicated that he will continue to research.
4. **Planning Commission Appointment: Dean/ Trudell: motion to appoint Zack Cole to the Planning Commission. Term to expire on December 31, 2010: Carried 5/0.**
5. **Planning Commission Awards Banquet: Trudell/King: motion to pay for Planning Commission and Township Board Members to attend the Planning Commission Banquet: Dean yes, Trudell yes, King yes, Gulliver yes, Whims yes: Carried 5/0.**
6. **Cemetery Committee Appointments: Dean/Whims: motion to appoint Mitch Sedlacek to the Cemetery Committee: Carried 5/0.**
7. **Snow Plow Bids:** Board decided to advertise on the Township Website and do a mailing to Contractors for Request for Proposals (RFP).

General Board Discussion:

The next Planning Commission Meeting will be rescheduled and held on Wednesday, November 4th due to the Planning Commission Banquet being held on Thursday, November 5th.

Trudell indicated that the Fire/EMS Station Open House was a great success. He thanked Marvin Radtke, Planning/Zoning Commissioner for his assistance in getting ready for the event which included drafting a speech for the ribbon cutting ceremony. He also indicated that there were many people acknowledge in this speech. However, one person was not mentioned that should have been and that was Marv. He wanted to thank Marv for all his help during the planning and building of the Fire/EMS Station.

Trudell discussed the Road Commission Millage.

Dean reported that there will be one more Civic Center South Meeting this year.

Public Input: None

Approval of Pending Bills:

King/Dean: motion to pay George and Polly Drew the contracted amount of \$2,000: Whims yes, King yes, Dean yes, Trudell yes, Gulliver yes: Carried 5/0.

King/Whims: motion to pay the final draw to Grand Traverse Construction in the amount of \$42,127.96 contingent on fixing the leaks and the vacuum pressure breaker (back flow preventer): Dean yes, King yes, Whims yes, Trudell yes, Gulliver yes: Carried 5/0.

Trudell/King: motion to pay pending bills minus Architecture Technology in the amount \$697.50 pending the outcome of Friday's walk though: Trudell yes, Whims yes, King yes, Dean yes, Gulliver yes: Carried 5/0.

Whims/Dean: motion to adjourn: carried 5/0.
Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

**Minutes prepared by: Jennifer J. Scout, Recorder
Lisa K. Gulliver, Clerk**