

**Paradise Township Board
Regular meeting
JULY 8, 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 under New Business: Move “6. Budget Adjustment” up to #1 and move all other items down. Motion: **King**, Second **Gulliver**: **Carried 5/0.**

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 **Whims**. King yes, Trudell yes, Gulliver yes, Whims yes, Dean yes: **Carried 5/0.**

Township Bills pre approved: \$15,458.09

Parks and Recreation Bills: \$5,015.47

Grand Traverse Rural Fire 3rd Quarter \$28,201.75

Minutes of June 10, 2009

Zoning Report

Treasurer’s Report

Clerk’s Report

~~Supervisor’s Report~~

County Planning Report

Parks and Recreation Report

~~County Association Report~~

Correction of the minutes:

- page 2, #4 under Old Business - Strike (Gulliver/Trudell)
- page 3, #6 under New Business, second motion – strike \$35.00 and change to \$350.

Announcements/Correspondence: Nothing to report.

Special Reports:

Sheriff Department: Report given by Officer Taylor. There were 19 citations, 7 traffic crashes, and 120 calls for service. Officer Taylor indicated that there has

been marked improvement in trash complaints. He has received complaints about pellet guns. They are taking care of the situation.

Sheriff Thomas Bensley reported on the ORV Ordinance.

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

- County Septage Plant Meetings
- Removal of Dams/Funding
- BATA restructuring

Fire Department: No Report.

Ambulance: No Report.

Planning Commission: Mr. Whims indicated that the Planning/Zoning Monthly Report covers most of his Planning Commission Report. He added that the Planning Commission went through sections 1-3 of the Master Plan at the July meeting. The Commissioners were asked to put together their own list of Guiding Principles for the August meeting.

Public Input (non-agenda items):

Phil Hamner, Planning Commission Chairman, asked if the Township is accepting more than one survey per household. For example: Husband and wife live at the same property and they each wish to fill out a survey. The Township indicated that the surveys were sent to each property owner along with their tax bills. The Board deferred to the Planning Commission Chair to dictate who should receive the survey. Mr. Hamner indicated that anyone who wishes to fill out a survey should be able to.

Old Business

1. **Title Search: Barnum, Blackman, and Wood Cemeteries:** Mr. Whims reported that he has not been able to find anyone who will do a title search for \$350. The best quote has been \$450. He indicated that he can continue to look for someone who will do it for \$350 or the Board can increase the authorized amount to \$450. It was decided that he should keep looking for someone to perform the title search for \$350.

New Business:

- 1. Budget Adjustment: King/Trudell: motion to accept revised budget reducing revenue sharing by \$15,087 as presented: King yes, Whims yes, Dean yes, Gulliver yes, Trudell yes: Carried 5/0.**

Dean/Trudell: motion to approve revised budgets for Parks & Recreation and Public Safety as presented: Trudell yes, Gulliver yes, Dean yes, King yes, Whims yes: Carried 5/0.

- 2. Zoning/Planning Wages:** Some members of the Board acknowledged that Mr. Radtke is doing a good job as the Zoning/Planning Administrator and deserves compensation. However, it was decided that with the cut in revenue sharing there will be a freeze in non-essential spending. The Board will revisit this in October after more information is received from the State. The Board will review the Zoning/Planning Administrator job description at the August meeting.
- 3. Civic Center South:** The Board discussed the possible development of a Parks Authority and what role the Township will play in this Authority. It was the general consensus of the Board that the Township should commit to pay what it can afford to pay. Also, it is the opinion of the Board that everyone involved should have an equal stake in the Authority.
- 4. Septage Treatment:** It was decided that Dean will continue to attend the Septage Treatment Meetings.
- 5. Greenbelt Buffer Maintenance Agreement: Trudell/Gulliver: motion to approve the Greenbelt Buffer Maintenance Agreement as presented: Carried 5/0.**
- 6. Township Hall Floors:** It was decided that all non-essential spending will be halted due to the cut in revenue sharing.
- 7. Dump Sites:** Lisa Gulliver submitted an e-mail from Ada Takacs regarding illegally dumped trash in Grand Traverse County. It was noted that Paradise Township is ranked number two in the County for having the largest number of illegal dumping sites. **Trudell/Dean: motion to apply for funding to**

help clean up the illegal dump sites: Carried 5/0. The Board has also requested that Marv locate and evaluate these sites.

General Board Discussion:

Tim Trudell indicated that he was very pleased with the results of the Township Clean Up Day. American Waste did a great job accommodating us.

Public Input: None

Approval of Pending Bills: King/Trudell: motion to approve pending bills as presented: King yes, Whims yes, Dean yes, Gulliver yes, Trudell yes: Carried 5/0.

Whims/Trudell: motion to adjourn: carried 5/0.
Meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm.

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