

**Paradise Township Board
Regular Meeting
AUGUST 12, 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 are as follows:

1. Assessor – IRS Classification
2. Fire Department – walk through, phone line, yard maintenance, sealing floors
3. Civic Center South
4. Joint Parks and Rec. Plan with Village of Kingsley
5. Lawn Mower

Motion: **King**, Second **Trudell**: **Carried 4/0** (Whims not present at the time of the 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, Whims (not present at the time of the vote), Dean yes: **Carried 4/0**.

Township Bills pre approved: ~~\$20,329.36~~ \$20,481.74

Parks and Recreation Bills: \$152.38

Grand Traverse Rural Fire - None

Minutes of July 8, 2009

Zoning Report

Treasurer's Report

Clerk's Report

~~Supervisor's Report~~

~~County Planning Report~~

Parks and Recreation Report

~~County Association Report~~

Announcements/Correspondence:

Dean reported that she received an invoice for a donation made to Mayfield Pond Park by Dean Reid of Prime Time Electric for flag pole repairs. Carrie Armstrong has also donated her time to help with the weeding in front of the Township Office.

The Board would like to send a letter of thanks to both thanking them for there generous donations.

Special Reports:

Sheriff Department: Report given by Officer Taylor. There were 10 citations, six (6) traffic crashes, 18 arrests (two of which were drunk driving), and 56 calls for service. There have been a number of stolen cars in the area. There were three (3) arrests made in connection to the stolen cars. He also executed a Federal Warrant to someone living in Paradise Township.

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

- County 2010 – 2012 Strategic Planning Booklet
- Fall Household Hazardous Waste Collection: September 24th. Appointments may be scheduled starting September 1st.
- Farmland Preservation Board filled 2 openings.
- County Department Budget Meetings are in progress.
- Parks and Recreation approved the hiring of an Aquatics Director.
- County Building Renovations
- Road Commission will be purchasing 2 new trucks.

Fire Department: Report given by Chief Ron Hollister. There have been 15 calls in the past month. One (1) stand-by, one (1) line down, two (2) rollovers, three (3) PIA, two (2) gas smells, one (1) car fire.

Ambulance: No Report.

Planning Commission: Mr. Whims reported that the Planning Commission is currently working on the Master Plan section by section. Next month they will be working on Section 4 and going over the 2009 Community Survey Results. The Commissioners also spent a lot of time developing the Slaughter House Standards at the last meeting.

Public Input (non-agenda items):

David Taylor, Grand Traverse County Road Commission, handed out copies of the following documents:

- Road Improvement Committee meeting minutes for July 29, 2009.
- Road Surface Management Analysis Report.

- Grand Traverse County Millage Revenues Report.

Old Business

1. **Title Search: Barnum, Blackman, and Wood Cemeteries:** Mr. Whims reported that he has found someone who will perform the title search on all five (5) parcels for \$350.00.
2. **Dump Sites:** It was reported by Dean that Mr. Radtke verified three (3) sites out the ten (10) sites. The amount of junk found is no more than a truck load.

New Business:

1. **Assessor – IRS Classification:** Dawn Plude, Assessor, handed out a memo from MTA, dated July 31, 2009, regarding Payroll Tax Classification of Township Assessors. Ms. Plude indicated that the IRS ruled that Assessors are Public Officials and must be Township Employees. She will provide the Board with an employee job description and an amendment for the current contract. She would like to have the current contract amended so that it can be effective October 1st.

The hourly pay rate for The Board of Review was discussed.

Whims/Trudell: motion all Board of Review Meetings will be paid a minimum of one (1) hour for all attendees: Whims yes, Dean yes, Trudell yes, King yes, Gulliver yes: Carried 5/0.

2. **Fire Department – walk through, phone line, yard maintenance, sealing floors:** The Fire Department reported that they have had the floor sealed at the EMS Building. They would like the Board to consider reimbursement at the Township's convenience. The Board indicated that they will discuss this at a later time.

The Fire Department would like to schedule another walk through for the EMS Building. There are a number of issues that need to be re-addressed. Gulliver indicated that she will schedule another walk through in two weeks.

The Board discussed the phone/fax/fire suppression line. It was decided to seek clarification regarding the Code for Fire Suppression Lines. **Trudell/Dean: motion to pay for the second phone line for Fire Suppression**

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

Trudell would like the Board to look into lawn maintenance for next year. Dean will look into getting the lawn re-seeded at the EMS Building and Township Offices. She will also discuss with the Heritage Day Committee the possibility of moving the Heritage Days sign away from the road when it is not in use.

- 3. Civic Center South:** The Board discussed a request from Civic Center South for a donation from the Township that will go towards the Operating Budget. They plan to form a Recreation Authority and would like the Board to adopt Articles of Incorporation/Resolution. Whims indicated that the by-laws will need to be amended. He asked that this be put on the Agenda for the September Meeting.
- 4. Joint Parks and Recreation Plan with Village of Kingsley:** Trudell reported that the DNR will award an extra 20 points for collaborating with other communities for grants. He would like to propose that the Township join forces with the Village of Kingsley to form a joint Parks and Recreation Committee that will have a joint Master Plan. **Trudell/King: motion to join forces with the Village of Kingsley to form a joint Parks and Recreation Committee: Carried 4/0, Whims abstained.**
- 5. Lawn Mower:** Dean would like the Board to consider purchasing a used lawn mower from Civic Center South. It was decided that due to budget constraints they will postpone purchasing a lawn mower until the next budget year.

General Board Discussion:

Trudell reported that there has been some vandalism at Mayfield Pond Park. The barricades that were damaged have been repaired and signs that were torn down will be replaced in the fall.

Gulliver indicated that the Township had agreed to pay for a service that benefited the whole community for Heritage Days. Heritage Days has submitted a bill for T-shirts that were provided to the baseball, softball and volleyball teams. This does not meet the requirement that the donation benefit the whole community. The

Board will contact Heritage Days to request that they submit a more appropriate item.

Public Input:

- Larry Flees commented on the Fire Suppression System and commended the Townships participation in the development of Civic Center South.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

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