

**Paradise Township Board  
Regular Meeting  
SEPTEMBER 10, 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:

Old Business:

- 5. Septage Plant

New Business:

- 3. MPP Vandalism
- 4. Trees

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

Township Bills pre approved

Parks and Recreation Bills

Grand Traverse Rural Fire

Minutes of August 12, 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 presented a document sent by MTA to all Michigan Townships. They ask that Township Boards sign this document titled "Principles of Governance" to help maintain the highest standards and traditions of Michigan Townships.

## **Special Reports:**

**Sheriff Department:** Report given by Officer Taylor. There were 14 citations, one (1) traffic crash, five (5) property damage, two (2) drunk driving arrests, eight (8) criminal arrests, a total of 10 arrests, and 122 calls for service.

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

- Special Television/Electronics Recycling Event on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. in the Grand Traverse County Civic Center Parking Lot.
- Household Hazardous Waste & Pesticide Collection on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 1 p.m. – 7 p.m. – by appointment only. It will be the last collection of 2009.
- County Department Budget Meetings are in progress.

**Fire Department:** Report given by Chief Ron Hollister. There have been 11 calls for service in the past month.

**Ambulance:** Report given by Fire Chief Ron Hollister. There have been 13 transports, 10 negative transports. There were four (4) calls for Mayfield, eight (8) for Township, three (3) for the Village of Kingsley, and five (5) out of the area.

**Planning Commission:** Mr. Whims reported that the Planning Commission Meeting for September was cancelled due to Phil Hamner's illness and subsequent passing. He would like the Board to consider issuing a special award in recognition of Phil's service to the Community.

**Public Input (non-agenda items):** None

## **Old Business**

1. **Title Search: Barnum, Blackman, and Wood Cemeteries:** The Board discussed the results of the title search on Barnum, Blackman and Wood Cemeteries. Mr. Whims will look into the cost of assuming control of Blackman and Wood Cemeteries.
2. **Assessor Contract Changes: Whims/Trudell: motion to adopt the employment agreement with the following changes:** *"4. For this work, Paradise Township will compensate Dawn in the amount of \$1200.00 annually, to be paid in equal monthly installments, as a part-time*

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

Mr. Whims will look over the Assessor Contract. The Contract will be placed on the October Agenda.

**3. Civic Center South Authority:**

**Trudell/Whims: motion to adopt Resolution #09-09-10: Dean yes, King yes, Whims yes, Gulliver yes, Trudell yes: Carried 5/0.**

**Trudell/Dean: motion to commit \$5,000 per year to Civic Center South for 5 years with a 1 year opt out: Trudell yes, Gulliver yes, Dean yes, King yes, Whims yes: Carried 5/0.**

**Trudell/Whims: motion to accept Articles of Incorporation for Civic Center South: Carried 5/0.**

**4. EMS Building Walk Through:** Ms. Gulliver indicated that the Township needs to receive a list of problem areas from EMS before a walk through can be scheduled.

**5. Septage Plant:** The Board discussed special assessments. The Septage Plant will be placed on the October Agenda.

**New Business:**

**1. Direct Deposit:** It was decided to look into offering Direct Deposit to Township Employees.

**2. November Regular Board Meeting moved to Thursday, November 12, 2009 due to Veteran’s Day holiday.**

**3. Mayfield Pond Park – Vandalism & Rental Application:** Mr. Trudell reported that there has been another incident of vandalism at Mayfield Pond Park. **Trudell/King: motion to repair damage at Mayfield Pond Park, not to exceed \$150.00: Trudell yes, Whims yes, King yes, Dean yes, Gulliver yes: Carried 5/0.**

**Trudell/King: motion to charge \$75.00 deposit and require an application for use of pavilion at Mayfield Pond Park, beginning in the**

**spring. The deposit will be refunded within 10 business days after the rental date: Carried 5/0.**

- 4. Trees:** Mr. Trudell indicated that there are a number of trees that are blocking the view of on coming traffic to the west of the parking lot entrance in front of the EMS Building. The Board approved removal of the trees.

**General Board Discussion:**

The Board discussed the upcoming MTA Conference in Grand Rapids.

The Zoning/Planning job description will be moved to the October Agenda.

**Public Input:** None

**Approval of Pending Bills: Trudell/King: motion to approve pending bills minus the bill for Kingsley Ambulance Association for bathroom/paper towel supplies: King yes, Dean yes Trudell yes, Gulliver yes: Carried 4/0.**

**King/Gulliver: motion to adjourn: carried 4/0.**  
Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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