

**Paradise Township Board
Regular Meeting
August 10, 2011**

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Dean at: 6:00 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance
Board members present: Dean, Gulliver, King, Trudell, Whims

Approval of Agenda:

Mr. Trudell asked that the following be removed:

Old Business
2. Joint Park & Rec. Committee

Mrs. Dean asked that the County Commissioner’s report be moved up before announcements so that Mr. Fleis could leave early for another meeting.

Gulliver/King: motion to accept the Agenda as amended: 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.

- General Fund, Cemetery Fund, Parks & Recreation pre approved bills
- Grand Traverse Rural Fire – None
- Bills to be approved: General, Cemetery and Park & Rec.
- Minutes of July 13, 2011
- ~~Zoning Report~~
- Treasurer’s Report
- ~~Supervisor’s Report~~
- ~~County Association Report~~
- Clerk’s Report
- ~~Parks and Recreation Report~~
- Sheriff Department

Mr. King requested that the minutes from July 13, 2011 be pulled for a correction.

Trudell/King: motion to accept the Consent Calendar: Carried 5/0.

County Commissioner Report:

- Mr. Larry Fleis, County Commissioner, reported on the following:
- Reapportionment Committee – Rob Henschell will be assigned to Paradise Township.
 - Grand Traverse County Budget Meetings – there has been talk regarding cutting services.

Minutes from July 13, 2011

Mr. King indicated that there was a mistake on page 4 – towards the end of the second paragraph – change “dispensed” to “disposed”

***King/Trudell: motion to accept the minutes of July 13, 2011 as amended:
Carried 5/0.***

Announcements/Correspondence:

Mrs. Gulliver indicated that the Board has received a letter from Delorise Loveland seeking permission to temporarily place a wooden cross on the grave of Michael Loveland at Evergreen Cemetery until a stone marker can purchased and placed on Michael’s grave.

***King/Trudell: motion to accept the wooden cross with the stipulation that it will be replaced within 5 years with a marker that complies with the Cemetery Ordinance. The wooden marker must be maintained or it will be removed by the Township:
Carried 5/0.***

Special Reports:

Fire Department:

It was reported that the Fire Department had 1 PIA, 1 grass fire, and 1 residential fire alarm which turned out to be nothing.

Ambulance: No report given.

Planning Commission: Mr. Whims reported that the Planning Commission will be doing one more final proofread of the Master Plan and finalizing the maps at the next Planning Commission Meeting.

Public Input (non-agenda items): No public input.

Old Business:

1. Sparling/Summit City Road Road Project

Mr. Trudell reported that per the Boards request the County Road Commission has applied for a safety grant. However, he was notified that there was a request from the Township for a quote for rumble strips. He indicated that the safety grant cannot be used for rumble strips.

2. Joint Parks & Rec. Committee

This item was tabled earlier in the meeting.

3. Township/EMS Landscaping

Mr. Trudell indicated that he sought out a quote from Ground Level Landscaping that would spread out the landscaping of the Township/EMS grounds over a period of two (2) years.

Gulliver/Trudell: motion to accept the quote from Ground Level Landscaping spreading out the cost over a period of two (2) years: Trudell yes, Gulliver yes, Dean no, King yes, Whims no: Carried 3/2.

New Business:

1. Road Name – MAPLE VALLEY LN

Mrs. Gulliver indicated that letters were sent out to all the affected residents. The Township has received letters back from the residents indicating their support for naming the private easement “MAPLE VALLEY LN”.

King/Trudell: motion to accept the road name “MAPLE VALLEY LN” for the private easement as indicated on the survey: Carried 5/0.

2. Cemetery Ordinance Discussion

Mrs. Gulliver presented a DRAFT Cemetery Ordinance to the Board and asked that look it over and submit feedback. Mr. Whims asked Board Members and staff to compile a list of questions about legal issues regarding the Cemetery Ordinance. He can do research on the cemetery laws.

3. Charter Township Resolution

King/Trudell: motion to adopt Resolution 11-08-10 declaring that Paradise Township does not intend to incorporate Paradise Township as a Charter Township: Trudell yes, Gulliver yes, King yes, Dean yes, Whims yes: Carried 5/0.

General Board Discussion:

Mr. King reported that the Township received a letter from Charter Communication, dated July 29, 2011, regarding the collection the collection of PEG fees. The Board discussed the letter. Mr. King indicated that he get more information. Mr. Whims stated he would be glad to take a look at the contracts.

Mr. King reported that MTA is attempting to give the Workers Compensation fund another go.

Mr. King discussed various issue that have come up with the township office building. They are as follows:

- There have been problems with closing the screen in the conference room. Upon investigation, it was found that the floor in bowing up. It was also discovered that

the screen was installed incorrectly and not to specifications. It was intended that the track for the screen was to be recessed. Mr. King indicated that he has had a contractor come in and look at the screen to determine what can be done to fix it. We are awaiting a quote from them.

- There was a recent incident with Marv's window. A foreign object hit the window causing a chip in the window the size of a pellet. It is unknown what it was or how it was launched. The Sherriff was called to make a report and the insurance company was notified. There is also some issues with the seals in other windows. A vendor was called to look at all the windows. It was found that 11 windows need to be replaced. The glass is under warranty. The only cost to the township will be for labor. Marv's window replacement is covered under insurance.
- Mr. King indicated that he has received a quote from Pugsley for \$400.00 for a book shelf and mailboxes. The new mailboxes will replace current staff mailboxes and be placed in a secure area. The current mailboxes are out in the open and not at all secure. Both of these items were budgeted for.

King/Trudell: motion to spend up to \$400 on a bookshelf and mailboxes which are to be constructed by Pugsley: King yes, Dean yes, Gulliver yes, Whims yes, Trudell yes: Carried 5/0.

Mr. Trudell reported that Allied (waste haulers) is now servicing outside the Traverse City for \$14.00/month.

Mrs. Dean reported that Rural Fire is working on the budget.

Mr. Trudell requested that the Township requests an explanation, a budget, from the Ambulance on how they spend the money that they receive from the Township. Mr. King agreed and stated that they need to provide a budget. He will also encourage them to get their yearly audit.

Public Input: No public input.

King/Trudell: motion to adjourn:
Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Carried 5/0.

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

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