

**Paradise Township Board  
Regular Meeting  
January 13, 2010**

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:

2. Resolution #10-01-13

Added under General Board Discussion

MTA Conference for Planning/Zoning

ZBA Training

Strike Supervisor's Report from Consent Calendar and move to General Board Discussion

**Motion: Whims, 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. **King/Whims: motion to accept the Consent Calendar as presented: Carried 5/0.**

Township Bills pre approved

Parks and Recreation Bills

Grand Traverse Rural Fire

Minutes of October 14, 2009, Special Meeting November 17, 2009, December 2, 2009 Work Meeting

Zoning Report

Treasurer's Report

~~Supervisor's Report~~

Parks and Recreation Report

Clerk's Report

~~County Planning Report~~

County Association Report

**Dean/Whims: motion to change the Agenda moving #1 under New Business up so that it would follow the Special Reports: Whims yes, King no, Dean yes, Trudell no, Gulliver no: motion not carried 3/2.**

**Announcements/Correspondence:** None

**Special Reports:**

**Sheriff Department:** Report given by Officer Taylor.

Citations	Traffic Crashes			Arrests			*Other	Criminal	Non-Criminal	Traffic Crashes	Total
	Fatal	PIA	PDA	OWI	MIP	Criminal					
4	0	0	9	3	0	14	49	11	24	9	93

\*Other call for service: 911 Hang-ups; BOL; Follow-up to Complaints; Motorists Assists; Public Relations; Serving Legal Papers; Traffic Stops; Warrant Attempts

Officer Taylor indicated that there has been a substantial increase in traffic on some of the roads in the Township due to the 131 Bridge Detour. The County Sheriff is aware of it and will be monitoring it more closely.

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

- Public Safety approval of the purchase of taser guns.
- Camp Pugsley Quarterly Meeting
- County Meeting Schedules will be changing. Please see refer to the County website for details.

**Fire Department:** Report given by Chief Ron Hollister.

Car Fire	Smoke in House	PIA	Seal Leak	PDA	Personal Injury	Structure Fire	Total Calls For Service
3	1	1	2	2	1	1	11

Chief Hollister indicated that the Pancake Breakfast will be March 28<sup>th</sup> at the Kingsley High School from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Ambulance:** Report given by Joe Babik. There were a total of 324 calls for service in 2009. So far there have been 17 calls for service in the month of January – 11 in Paradise Township, 2 in the Village of Kingsley, 3 in Mayfield Township, and 1 other.

**Planning Commission:** Mr. Whims reported that the Planning Commission has been working on the Master Plan for the past few months. They just finished going through Sections 4 & 5 and will start work on Section 6 at the next meeting. The Planning Commission also held a Public Hearing for *Minor Slaughter House Standards*. We are currently waiting for County approval. Once we have received approval, the Township Board will post a Public Hearing Notice.

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

### **Old Business**

- 1. Parks and Recreation Committee Appointment:** A motion was made at the December meeting regarding the removal of Ramon Westbrook from the Parks and Recreation Committee. A vote on this motion was postponed until the Supervisor could have a chance to talk it over with Mr. Westbrook. Mrs. Dean reported that she did talk to Mr. Westbrook and he indicated that he would like to be removed from the Committee.

**Trudell/Gulliver: motion to remove Ramon Westbrook from the Parks & Recreation Committee due to lack of attendance: Carried 5/0.** The opening will be advertised locally and on the Township website.

- 2. Evergreen Cemetery:** Vanita Heim, Lloyd Morgan, and Carl Brown from the Cemetery Association were present. They asked for clarification regarding their options regarding Evergreen Cemetery. Mr. King indicated that the Cemetery funds should be in the name of the Township and under the Township's Tax I.D. number in order to be compliant with the law. A simple way to rectify the problem at hand would be to open a Cemetery Fund that would be in the names of two (2) Township and two (2) Cemetery Association representatives. New checks will need to be ordered that will have two signature lines, one for each entity. The Association members indicated that they would like to discuss this further with the rest of the Association. In the meantime, they consented to allow the Township to open an account for the Cemetery Funds.

**Gulliver/King: motion to open an account for Evergreen Cemetery funds with the authorized names of Vanita Heim, Carl Brown, Bill King, and Lisa Gulliver: Trudell yes, Gulliver yes, Dean yes, King yes, Whims yes: Carried 5/0.**

### **New Business:**

- 1. Ross Childs Septage Treatment Plant:** Mr. Ross Childs, Interim Director of Grand Traverse Department of Public Works, gave a presentation and held a question/answer session regarding the Grand Traverse County Septage Plant.

*STATEMENT ADDED FEBRUARY 10, 2010: "The Board gave Trustee Whims permission to write a letter to Mr. Childs concerning the Septage Treatment Plant"*

- 2. Resolution #10-01-13 regarding the Board of Review: Whims/King: motion to adopt Resolution #10-01-13: Whims yes, King yes, Dean yes, Trudell yes, Gulliver yes: Carried 5/0.**

### **General Board Discussion:**

**ZBA Training:** Mrs. Gulliver indicated that she has received notice of an MTA Training titled "Exploring ZBA Basics" that will be held in March. She would like to recommend that the Board send the ZBA, Zoning/Planning Administrator, and the Recording Secretary. Mrs. Dean indicated the County will also have training in March. The Board supports the idea of sending the ZBA and Township employees to receive training. However, they decided to postpone action until there are more details regarding the County Training (fee, location, etc.).

**MTA Conference for Planning/Zoning: Trudell/Gulliver: motion to pay for Zoning/Planning Administrator to attend continuing education classes at the MTA Conference, not to exceed \$225.00: Trudell yes, Gulliver yes, King yes, Dean no, Whims yes: Carried 4/1.**

**Purchase of a Shredder: Trudell/King: motion to buy a heavy duty shredder not to exceed \$1800: Whims no, King no, Dean no, Trudell yes, Gulliver yes: motion not carried 3/2.**

**Supervisors Report:** Mrs. Dean reported that she is in the process of trying to get the U.S. Census Bureau to use the Township Hall as a testing/training site.

The Township has received a proposal for an RV Park on Wistrand Lake. Mr. Clous would like a letter from the Township expressing its support. **Dean/King: motion to write a letter of support of RV Park, in concept only, and send it to the EDC: carried 4/1.**

Dean reported that she attended the Road Commission Meeting. She brought up issues regarding Summit City Road, Blackman Road, Townline Road, and the traffic light at M-113 and Brownson.

She also attended the Camp Pugsley meeting.

**Public Input:** None

**Approval of Pending Bills:**

**King/Trudell: motion to pay pending bills: Dean yes, Whims yes, King yes, Gulliver yes, Trudell yes: Carried 5/0.**

**Whims/Gulliver: motion to adjourn: carried 5/0.**  
Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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