

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
MENOMINEE TOWNSHIP BOARD  
N2283 O-1Drive, Menominee, MI 49858  
September 24, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. by Supervisor Ken Goffin.  
Members in attendance as follows: Ken Goffin – Supervisor, Pat Barker – Treasurer,  
Dale Axtell - Trustee, Darlene Nerat - Trustee  
Absent: Julie Kass - Clerk

**Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

**Agenda: Motion** made by Axtell to approve the agenda as presented with addition of Carl Kramer & Menominee Ingallston Fire Services Association land division, seconded by Barker, motion carried unanimously.

**Public Hearing:** Application for Industrial Facilities Tax (IFT) exemption request to transfer IFT from Stebbins Lumber to new owner, Lumber Jack Hardwood, Inc

Supervisor Goffin opened the meeting and asked the Township Assessor, Jill Schwanz, to explain the application for the IFT transfer. Jill explained that there was one (1) year left on Stebbins Lumber current exemption certificate and this transfer would only be for that one year period. She stated subsequent to the public hearing, the transfer must be approved by a Township Board resolution. Lumber Jack Hardwood, Inc. would then have to apply for a new IFT exemption of there own when the one (1) year period expired. Jill explained that Lumber Jack Hardwood, Inc. has another location in Norway and intends to expand at one of the locations, closing the other. She said that it would be in the Townships best interest to try and keep them here in Menominee Township for the jobs and tax base. She also explained the application and Township resolution must be received by the State no later than October 15<sup>th</sup>. A short discussion took place by the Board; Supervisor Goffin asked if there were any public questions or comment. There being none a **Motion** made by Axtell to postpone voting until the next meeting, seconded by Nerat, motion carried unanimously.

**Public appearance:** Scott Beck from Cyberzone

Scott Beck, President of Cyberzone presented information regarding broadband, which they have locations of in Marinette and Menominee. He stated broadband requires a higher frequency than a cell and is difficult to receive a signal with the amount of tree cover in the Township. Scott explained that a broadband coverage range is ten (10) miles of a tower, however you need a direct line of site of the tower in order to receive a signal. He said a 200 foot antenna is \$25,000, excess point (cover 360°) \$2,000 and provider system 10 mg \$1,700 per month. Discussion took place regarding bounce off transmission from smaller towers owned by individuals on roofs of barns or people having there own or shared to receive the signal over trees from the main tower. If the signal could be received each person wanting the service would have to pay an installation charge and monthly fee. Scott suggested marketing research be our next step to see how many residents are interested in broadband.

**Attendance**

**Pledge**

**Approve Agenda**

**Public Hearing**

**Stebbins Lumber  
IFT exemption  
Transfer to  
Lumber Jack Hardwood**

**Public Appearance**

**Scott Beck, Cyberzone  
Broadband info**

**Sexton's Report:** Typed report was distributed to the board and read by Goffin. Cemetery plots sold from August 27<sup>th</sup> to September 24<sup>th</sup> (3), Burials for the same period (1), the Sexton also stated equipment still needed for the cemetery is a plow blade for the tractor (approximate cost \$525) and a sod cutter (approximate cost \$3800). **Motion** made by Axtell to place the Sexton's Report on file, seconded by Nerat, motion carried unanimously.

**Assessor's Report:** Schwanz reported for the second consecutive month, the township boards' agenda reflected the increased activity seen in Menominee Township this year. First, a public hearing on transfer of the Industrial Facility Tax Exemption certificate from to Stebbins Lumber originally issued eleven years ago to the new owners; Lumber Jack Hardwood, Inc. The certificate has one (1) year remaining. Once again you have multiple land division requests before you; Carl Kramer Estate and Menominee Ingallston Fire Services Association requesting permission to divide the parcel which was the former Fire Hall. Schwanz added, because each of the parcel's involved are contiguous for the Fire Dept., the land division application is technically not required, however because the boundary adjustment contains provisions to retain the mound system that serves the new fire hall, I think it is best to proceed as if this was an actual land division item. Schwanz said the equalization appeal matter that had been resolved through a stipulation, has still not been officially accepted by the Tax Tribunal. She said that 60% of the "600" inspection project has been completed. The "600" project is the review of 20% of the total number of parcels in the Township and since she typically exceeds the 20% mark each year, we are on pace to physically view each Township parcel every four years and is currently putting together all of the land value and ECF information that she will use in the valuation of property for the 2009 year. This information will be submitted to the Equalization Dept. so they are aware of what values we have documented within the local boundaries of the Township, she said. **Motion** made by Barker to place the assessor report on file, seconded by Axtell, motion carried unanimously.

**Recreation Committee Report:** The committee met on September 4<sup>th</sup> with Supervisor Goffin to discuss the direction of the committee and park improvements, since the Township did not receive the LWCF Grant. The committee agreed to meet over the winter months to formulate plans for improving our recreational assets with or without grant funds. Bright said Playground equipment and grills for the Wayside Park will be installed before winter. Russ Ross will lead construction of the kiosk. Costs for the swings and grills total \$2578.21. These expenditures came out of the \$3200 left from last year's park improvements budget that was carried over to this year. The balance of these funds, along with some donated material will be used to complete the kiosk and install the swings and grills. **Motion** made by Axtell to place the Recreation Report on file, seconded Barker, motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business:** *None*

**New Business:** Land Division; Carl Kramer Estate and Menominee Ingallston Fire Services Association

**Motion** made by Barker to approve Carl Kramer Estate land division as presented by the assessor, seconded by Nerat, motion carried unanimously.

**Motion** made by Barker to approve the Menominee Ingallston Fire Services Association land division as presented by the assessor, seconded by Axtell, motion carried unanimously.

**Sexton Report**

**Assessors Report**

**Recreation Report**

**Old Business**

**New Business**

**Supervisor Report:** Goffin reported that Darrell Moilanen, Engineer/Manager of the Menominee County Road Commission informed him that he received word that the State is not going to approve the 45 per hour speed limit the Township Board requested on Bay De Noc. Moilanen will send a copy of the official letter when it is received. Goffin Talked with Scott from Waste Management about trucks and customers hauling to landfill covering their loads. Scott said he would address the issue to customers about covering their load properly. Goffin contacted the Township attorney regarding the complaint the Township received about a junk yard on Zimmerman Road and was informed the Township would have no jurisdiction considering that Zimmerman Road is a private road. Goffin reported that the Blacktop was done on #10 Road, Twin Creek Road and the patch on Bay De Noc. In addition, one-half (1/2) of the graveling of roads and the DEQ grant to safely dispose of tires at Holiday has been completed. Goffin said he received a letter from Darrell Moilanen; Menominee County Road Commission stating the Road Commission contacted the MI Department of Transportation (MDOT) and was informed by M.D.O.T. personnel that Fairland Drive Project was not included in the preliminary list for 2009 recipients for Safety Project. Goffin said the Township and U.P Engineering will continue to work on the Safety Grant for a bridge at Fairland Loop. Goffin informed the public attending the meeting that the old fire department building was sold.

**Supervisor Report**

**Motion** made by Barker to hold a special meeting on Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM when the clerk was back for the purpose of: 1) Resolution regarding Lumber Jack Hardwood IFT exemption certificate transfer request 2) To discuss adding some branches to the Veterans Tree 3) Maintenance to the hall floor 4) Minutes and 5) Treasurers report 6) Pay bills, seconded by Goffin, motion carried unanimously.

**Special Meeting Motion**

**Trustee's Report:** Nerat read Trustee's reports. **Motion** was made by Barker to place The Trustee's report on file, seconded by Axtell, motion carried unanimously.

**Trustee's Report**

**Consent Agenda Items:** None

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**Public Comment:** Mary Negro, Meyer Twp Clerk (Meyer Twp credit policies), Ruby Ivens (Salt Shortage for winter), Bill Theuerkauf (Thanked Board for N-2 Lane road work), Judy Nerat (Said MCRC already placed order for winter salt), Jill Schwanz (Said that Scott Beck of Cyberzone had to leave and asked her to inform the Board he could put a questionnaire together and place it on the Township website), Florence Tanguay (Wanted to thank everyone involved for good job on Twin Creek Road), Sheriff Bret Botbyl (Contact him if recreation committee needs help, will send work van to assist on Wayside Park project. Reported on programs conducted by Sheriff's Department; Unused prescription drug collection program, stop program, Dog program in schools and Neighborhood Watch).

*STATED THEY DO NOT HAVE A CREDIT CARD AND DISCUSSED*

**Public Comment**

**Adjourn: Motion** made by Axtell to adjourn @ 7:45 P.M., seconded by Barker, motion carried unanimously.

**Adjourn**

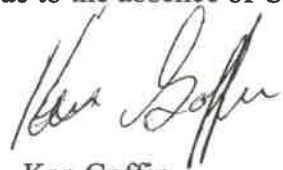
**Minutes compiled** by Patricia Barker, Treasurer due to the absence of Clerk Kass.

**Minutes Compiled by**

Respectfully Submitted by:



Julie L. Kass  
Menominee Township Clerk



Ken Goffin  
Menominee Township Supervisor

10-22-08