

**REGULAR MEETING
MENOMINEE TOWNSHIP BOARD
N2283 O-1 DRIVE, MENOMINEE, MI 49858
October 22, 2008**

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

Attendance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Pledge

Agenda: Motion made by Axtell to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Barker, motion carried unanimously.

Agenda

Sexton's Report: Sexton's report was read by Supervisor Goffin. **Motion** made by Axtell to place the Sexton's report on file, seconded by Barker, motion carried unanimously.

Sexton's Report

Assessor's Report: Schwanz passed out a written report to the Board and also presented an oral report. **Motion** made by Kass to place the Assessor's Report on file, seconded by Nerat, motion carried unanimously.

Assessor's Report

Rec. Report: Judy Bright, secretary of the Rec. Committee passed out a written report to the Board and also presented an oral report. **Motion** made by Barker to place the Rec. Report on file, seconded by Axtell, motion carried unanimously.

Rec. Report

Approve Minutes: Motion made by Kass to approve the August 27, 2008 Regular Meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Barker, motion carried unanimously. **Motion** made by Kass to approve the September 10, 2008 Special Meeting minutes to include the following corrections to paragraph 6 changing Hardware to Hardwood, seconded by Barker, motion carried unanimously. **Motion** made by Barker to approve the September 24, 2008 Regular Meeting minutes to include the following correction on page 3, paragraph 5, first line add the wording (stated they did not have a credit card and discussed) before Meyer Twp, seconded by Axtell, motion carried unanimously. **Motion** made by Kass to approve the September 30, 2008 Special Meeting minutes to include the following corrections replace the printed purpose with; IFT Transfer, Pay Bills, Hall Floor, Minutes, Treasurer's Report, Veteran's Tree, and Men's Bathroom, seconded by Barker, motion carried unanimously.

Approve Minutes
Aug. 27
Sept. 10
Sept. 24
Sept. 30

Old Business: Veteran's Tree; Barker proposed adding 4 new branches including the leaves, due to the addition of many names. She added that whoever is appointed to take care of the tree on the next board would be set for quite some time. **Motion** made by Kass to approve adding the new branches, leaves, and installation thereof for approximately \$721 to the Veteran's Tree, seconded by Barker, motion carried unanimously.

Veteran's Tree

New Business: Used Car Lot License; Kass shared a Car Lot application with the Board from Wayne Kanyuh. Kass explained that he had a unique situation as he had always had a Used Car Lot License and it was located at M & M Motors. Due to the fact that M & M has been sold he has applied for the license at his home address in the township. However, Wayne explained that he will not be storing or selling cars from the address but does need an address to apply for the license. Kass said that in this case the petition would not make sense as the petition of the surrounding landowners' states that it is okay to operate a used car lot at his address and he will not be doing that. Kass passed out a letter of agreement between the Township and Wayne

Used Car Lot License
Wayne Kanyuh dba
Wayne's World

Kanyuh (attached hereto) that presently waives the petition process and explains that if he ever does operate a car lot at the applied for address his license would be immediately void and he would have to reapply. Kass read the letter. **Motion** made by Barker to approve the Used Car Lot License applied for by Wayne Kanyuh dba Wayne's World, seconded by Axtell, motion carried unanimously. **FOIA Policy**; Kass presented the Board with a FOIA Policy (attached hereto) she also read the policy. Goffin stated that he wanted to get a FOIA Policy in place before the election of the new Board. Axtell and Nerat both questioned why this was being done now and why the new Board couldn't do it when they take office. Ken stated that he wanted to get some guidelines in place and then the new Board can replace or get rid of them but it is a starting point. Kass added that it is good to have something in place when a new clerk comes in so they have a starting point in the event they get bombarded with FOIA requests and she can attest to the fact that that has happened in the past. Kass also pointed out that the current Board was elected to conduct Township business for 4 years which will be up on November 20, 2008 and they should do so until then. **Motion** made by Barker to approve the FOIA Policy as presented, seconded by Kass, motion carried 3 to 2 with Axtell and Nerat voting nay.

Motion Approving Wayne's World Used Car Lot Licen
FOIA Policy Discus

FOIA Policy Approved

Supervisor's Report: Goffin reported that the letter the Township received from the State declining a speed limit reduction on the north part of Bay De Noc Drive indicated that he was in favor of declining the reduction and that was not the case. He was supporting whatever the State decided. Goffin said the Safety Grant for the Fairland Loop Bridge has not been awarded yet. Goffin also said that he talked to Scott Beck and told him that to move forward with a Broadband plan he needs to get us more information. Goffin added that he did get the 70' antenna from Scott Beck for the fire station internet. Goffin said he needed to square away a few things with the Road Commission; first the Township has not received any interest on the prepayment on the blacktop contract and second he wants to find out how much the Township will receive toward the wear and tear on #10 road and who will be doing the work. **New Public Official's Workshop and Treasurer's 101**; **Motion** made by Barker to allow any Board Members and Deputies who want to attend the New Public Official's Workshop on December 10th be allowed to do so with their expenses paid by the Township and also allow the Treasurer and the Deputy Treasurer attend the Treasurer's 101 Workshop on Nov. 25th with their expenses paid by the Township, seconded by Kass, motion carried unanimously.

Bay De Noc Drive Speed Limit Reduction Declined

Safety Grant Fairland Loop Bridge

Broadband

Antenna For Fire Station

Road Commission Issues

Approve Workshops For New Officials

Clerk's Report: Kass said that the Election Commission should meet to approve the two new Election Inspectors. The Commission approved the Election Inspectors in July to work the Primary and the General but due to losing some workers a meeting should be called to approve the addition of two new Election Inspectors which will still leave us close on Inspectors. Kass called the meeting for October 24, 2008 @ 10:00 p.m. *a.m.*

Clerk's Report

Treasurer's Report: Barker read the September report; Revenues for September were \$61,692.42. Balance on hand \$1,455,843.05. Barker reported that so far this term the Township received approximately \$304,000.00 in interest. **Motion** made by Kass to place the Treasurer's Report on file, seconded by Axtell, motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Trustee's Report: Nerat read the Trustee's Reports. **Motion** made by Kass to place the Trustee's Report on file, seconded by Barker, motion carried unanimously.

Trustee's Report

Pay Bill's: **Motion** made by Barker to pay bills ck#23504 thru ck#23518 and ck#1391 thru ck#1418, seconded by Kass, motion carried 4 to 1 with Axtell voting nay.

Pay Bills

Consent Agenda Items: **Motion** made by Axtell to place the Consent Agenda Items on file, seconded by Barker, motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda Items

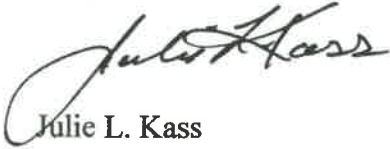
Public Comment: Opened at 7:40 p.m., Judy Bright (thanked the board for website, high speed internet, the veteran's tree, township hall improvements, stating she felt we have the most beautiful hall in the county, the new fire station, more road improvements than in the past, and pursuing the issue with Equalization to a successful conclusion making it fair to all taxpayers including the 490 affected and doing all this being a good steward of public funds and maintaining a substantial balance. She added the Board has done a good job and hopes the voters appreciate it). Closed at 7:43.

Public Comment

Adjourn: Motion made by Axtell to adjourn @ 7:44 p.m., seconded by Barker, motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

Respectfully submitted by:



Julie L. Kass
Menominee Township Clerk



Ken Goffin
Menominee Township Supervisor

Approve

11-19-08