

Board Meeting
June 12, 2023
Kawkawlin Township Board

Board met at 6:00 pm to review bills and payroll.

Call Meeting to Order—Davidson called meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the pledge to the flag. Trustee DeShano then wanted to say a prayer and Supervisor Davidson said she could not say a prayer before the meeting because of a conflict between (God & Politics) Church and State.

Roll Call of Officers—Present: Klass, Kruse, Davidson, DeShano
Absent: Campbell, excused

Minutes of May 8th—Motion made by Davidson/Klass to approve minutes from May 8, 2023 **Passed**

Supervisor Davidson reminded Board Members that an Elected Official can not abstain from voting unless it is an absolute conflict of interest.

Treasurer's Report—Davidson accepted the report.

Fire Department Report—Chief Burke reported we have a new employee; the new fire truck that they had their eye on is not available anymore; would like to adopt a cost recovery ordinance; and ISO denied an upgrade in rating.

Parks & Recreation Report—DeShano reported the bid from Fisher Contracting for the seawall at the Linwood Scenic Park, came in \$150,000.00 over the total grant for the whole project. So, at this time, the project is on hold.

Hall Report—None

Bills and Payroll for approval—Motion made by Davidson/Kruse to approve payroll. Yes: Kruse, Davidson, DeShano, Klass **Passed**

Motion made by Davidson/Kruse to approve bills. Yes: Davidson, DeShano, Klass, Kruse **Passed**

Communications— A. Building Report-report was given to all members
B. Zoning Administrator Report-report was given to all members.

Motion made by Davidson/DeShano to accept Communications. **Passed**

Public Input (3 min. limit, not Q & A session)-

1. Annette Jeske-2300 Jeske Dr. -spoke of a strawberry shortcake fundraiser The Arc of Bay County is having June 21, 2023 and asked if we would hang poster.
2. Jessica Loan read letter on behalf of Larry Letourneau- 2176 Mara Dr.-feels the Township is treating this veteran unfairly in the expectation of cleaning the blight from his property and not informing all owners of the blight complaint on this property. And was concerned that Township attorney spoke of Mr. Letourneau's health issues in public.
3. Jessica Loan-doesn't feel blight issue was handled properly
4. Betsy Groulx-2565 E. River Rd.-read letter stating she was never notified that taxes were delinquent on property she owns with James Rezler at 2015 Wetters Rd.

5. Jeff Buckholtz-1640 S. Huron Rd- is concerned over water runoff from neighbor's yard onto his property and feels Zoning Administrator and Supervisor did not do anything to help him.
6. Brad Eddy-1890 S. Huron Rd.-disagrees with how the Supervisor is handling township business and then proceeded to call Supervisor and Attorney derogatory names.
7. Ronald Penix-53 S. Linwood Beach Rd.- objects to the little tiny homes possibly being built on property next door
8. Michele Penix-53 S. Linwood Beach Rd.-is concerned about the "shacks" they want to build next to her property because her family won't be able to use that property anymore and worries about traffic.
9. Cameron Penix- 53 S. Linwood Beach Rd.-worried there won't be enough room for parking if the cabins are built on property next door.
10. Charlie Thompson- CO of XLC-would prefer cabins not be called shacks; had good intentions with building cabins and wants to be a service to the community
11. Pat Pajot-236 S. Huron Rd.-asked Davidson where he got the authority to stop prayers at the Board Meetings
12. Mark Banaszak-65 S. Linwood Beach Rd.-is open to new businesses coming to the area as long as they follow the rules and ordinances
13. Justin Ebel-1890 River Rd.-explained that it is not necessary to inform all property owners of blight citation, and that its only required that a notice be tacked on property. Also, he explained Mr. Letourneau had already testified in court of his health issues.
14. John Rezler-872 S. Huron Rd.-gave his 3 minutes to Brad Eddy- Mr. Eddy feels elder abuse is being done by Township. And again, called Township Supervisor and Attorney more derogatory names.
15. Melissa Klass-137 E. Beaver Rd.-informed everyone that delinquent tax notices come from the County Treasurer's office, not the Township.
16. Jessica Loan-feels Township is unfair to Letourneau.
17. Michelle Penix read a letter from Harbor View Condominiums, written by David Stockmeier, President of Board of Directors, with their concerns of the possibility of Cabins being built on Linwood Beach Rd.

New Business-

- A. BF Resolution- Motion made by Davidson/Klass to change original resolution for Group Pension Plan with Burnham & Flower that reads "Elected Offices" to the "(5) five Township Board Members ". This will now include Sherrie Kruse who was appointed to the position of clerk. Yes: DeShano, Klass, Kruse, Davidson **Passed**
- B. BOA appointment- Davidson said there is an opening on the Board of Appeals. Motion made by Davidson/Klass to appoint John Knight, 953 S. Linwood Beach Rd., to the BOA. Yes: Klass, Kruse, Davidson, DeShano **Passed**
- C. Re-quotes on blight-Sealed bids were obtained for blight clean up on Mara Dr. from S&S Services for \$10,000.00, from Nighthawk for \$26,000.00 and from Mr. Eddy for \$2,250.00.
Motion made by Davidson/DeShano to accept Mr. Eddy's bid for cleanup property on Mara Dr. for \$2,250.00 Yes: Kruse, Davidson, DeShano No: Klass **Passed**

Bids for clean up on Wetters Rd. from S&S Services for \$10,000.00, from Nighthawk for \$26,000.00 and from Mr. Eddy for \$1,250.00

Motion made by Davidson/DeShano to accept Mr. Eddy's bid for cleanup property on Wetters Rd. for \$1,250.00 Yes: Davidson, DeShano, Kruse No: Klass **Passed**

- D. Office Help-Motion made by Davidson/Kruse to raise pay \$.50 to bring the total to \$16.00 per hour for the Deputy Treasurer, Deputy Clerk and the Office Help. Also, to move cemetery duties from Deputy Supervisor's office to Clerk's office and Deputy Clerk.
Yes: Klass, Kruse, Davidson No: DeShano **Passed**
- E. Zoning Expenses-Motion made by Davidson/Klass to start a separate account for zoning expenses for cleanup of property not owned by Township resident and move \$1,500.00 into account. Then move \$375.00 of that money to reimburse Fred Schmidt for expenses for a cleanup. Yes: Klass, Kruse, Davidson, DeShano **Passed**

FYI:

- A. Sheriff Report -copy of May report given to all Board Members

Adjournment—Motion to adjournment was made at 8:42 pm by Davidson/Klass **Passed**
Next Meeting July 12, 2023 7:00 pm Board Mtg