

KRAKOW TOWNSHIP

DECEMBER 10, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of Krakow Township was held on December 10, 2013, at the Krakow Township Hall, 12022 Bolton Road, Posen, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Michael Grohowski.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Roll Call

Members Present: Michael Grohowski, Elaine M. Misiak, Roger K. Witherbee,
Michael T. Smith, Diane Mucciante

Members Absent: None

Also Present: 7 Guests

Citizens' Comments

None

Approve Budget Transfer

Moved by Michael T. Smith, supported by Diane Mucciante, to approve a budget line item transfer of \$500.00 from pension to social security.

Ayes: All

Motion carried.

Treasurer's Financial Report – Subject to Audit

Closing Balance for November 30, 2013: \$34,889.24

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Moved by Roger K. Witherbee, supported by Michael T. Smith, to approve the following consent agenda items:

Treasurer's Reports for November

Income, Expenses, Payables, and Budget Balances for November

Minutes of November 12, 2013

Vouchers/Payroll for December

Ayes: All

Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Diane Mucciante

Pontem Seminar

Treasurer Mucciante reported that the seminar sponsored by Pontem was very informative.

Winter Tax Bills

Notice was posted on the township website that an incorrect phone number for the township treasurer was listed in the winter newsletter.

FirstMerit

Treasurer Mucciante will enroll the township in online banking with FirstMerit. She will be responsible for transferring money from money market to checking as required.

Presque Isle County Treasurer – Remaining Property from Land Auctions

Presque Isle County has notified Krakow Township that four (4) foreclosed parcels remain unsold after auctions held in August and September of 2013. Pursuant to MCL 211.78(m) 6 of the General Property Tax Act states that property unsold will be transferred to Krakow Township unless the county treasurer receives official written objection to the transfer by December 31, 2013. (638 Highway and Ponderosa Circle)

Options: 1. Reject – County will maintain and keep the parcels and try to sell them.
Krakow Township will continue to pay the taxes on the property until sold.
2. Take the parcels back, sell them ourselves, and pay the taxes until sold.

Treasurer Mucciante will forward information to the township attorney for clarification.

Moved by Elaine M. Misiak, supported by Roger K. Witherbee, to schedule a special meeting on December 30, 2013, at 1:00 p.m., to discuss the remaining unsold parcels.

Ayes: All

Motion carried.

Clerk's Report – Elaine M. Misiak

Water Samples

Samples collected on November 19, 2013, tested safe for public consumption.

Supervisor's Report – Michael Grohowski

Policies & Procedures Conference

The conference was very informative. One recommendation is having on-going documentation of policies and procedures.

Zoning Administrator – Matthew Bedard

Mr. Bedard filed his report through December 10, 2013. He has received a complaint about intrusive strobe lights on towers. These strobes are activated during the daylight hours to white, and at darkness they should shut down to a red blinking light for night operations. Mr. Bedard will investigate.

Assessing Office – Allan Berg

Mr. Berg, township assessor, has notified the township of significant changes in property tax exemption for qualified veterans. It is important that all qualified veterans be informed of the changes and submit their documents as soon as possible for consideration at the December 2013 Board of Review.

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Board of Review Appointment

An application has been received from Ricky Bloxsom to serve on the Board of Review. Moved by Diane Mucciante, supported by Michael T. Smith, to appoint Ricky Bloxsom as an alternate on the Board of Review to December 31, 2014.

Ayes: All

Motion carried.

Board of Review

December Board of Review, to address errors and omissions, has been rescheduled to Friday, December 13, at 11:00 a.m.

Poverty Guidelines & Asset Test

Moved by Roger K. Witherbee, supported by Michael T. Smith, to accept, by resolution, the Federal poverty guidelines for 2014 annual allowable income in Krakow Township, and set the following guidelines for the Krakow Township Asset Test:

Total assets cannot exceed \$40,000.00 *excluding* the homestead, but may not exceed \$140,000.00 including the homestead amount of \$100,000.00.

Ayes: Michael T. Smith, Elaine M. Misiak, Michael Grohowski, Diane Mucciante, Roger K. Witherbee

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Planning Commission - Roger K. Witherbee

The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on February 20, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting on February 20, 2014, will be a public hearing on the proposed Master Plan.

Posen Area Fire Department Authority – Michael T. Smith

Board received a copy of the minutes of November 6, 2013. The Authority has ordered a new pump to clean the hydrants, lost bid for first responders vehicle available from East Grand Lake Fire Department, filed a grant for turnout gear and a washing machine, and hired an underwriter to help with writing grants.

Rogers City Ambulance Authority – Michael Grohowski

Next meeting scheduled for December 11th.

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Transfer Station Report - Freddie Barrett

The transfer station recorded a yearly loss of \$2,334.78 through the month of November.

Zoning Board of Appeals – Michael T. Smith

No scheduled activity.

Other Committee Reports

Michael T. Smith – Fire Authority

Mr. Smith informed the board that a special meeting was being held today at Presque Isle Township in regard to the Fire Department on US-23.

Liquor Inspector – Freddie Barrett

Mr. Barrett filed his quarterly report for December.

Unfinished Business

2-1-1 Renewal

Moved by Michael T. Smith, supported by Diane Mucciante, to renew membership for one year with 2-1-1 at the cost of \$105.75.

Ayes: All

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Appointments – Zoning Board of Appeals

The appointments of Leonard Zielinski, Alvin Grundy, and George Heinzl on the ZBA expire on February 2, 2014. The positions will be filled at the January meeting.

Annual Summer Tax Resolution – Alpena Public Schools

A resolution was passed by the Alpena Board of Education to impose a summer tax levy in 2014 of 100 percent of school district property taxes, including debt service. This resolution does not obligate Krakow Township to collect summer taxes. Moved by Michael T. Smith, supported by Elaine M. Misiak, to opt out of collecting the Alpena Public Schools summer property tax levy in 2014.

Ayes: All

Motion carried.

Contract – PC Advantage (Website)

Moved by Michael T. Smith, supported by Roger K. Witherbee, to renew the website contract with PC Advantage for one year (January 1, 2014 to January 1, 2015) at the cost of \$652.50 for hosting and domain name renewal (June 2014 to June 2015).

Ayes: All

Motion carried.

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Any Other New Business

Quarterly Meeting – Presque Isle County Township Officers Association

The quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 7, 2014, 7:00 p.m., at the Bearinger Township hall in Ocqueoc.

Public Comment

Topic: Veterans' Exemption

Adjourn

Moved by Roger K. Witherbee, supported by Michael T. Smith, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: All

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Misiak, Clerk
TOWNSHIP OF KRAKOW

Minutes Approved: January 14, 2014