

KRAKOW TOWNSHIP

JANUARY 14, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of Krakow Township was held on January 14, 2014, 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, Diane Mucciante,
Michael T. Smith

Member Absent: Roger K. Witherbee

Also Present: 8 Guests

Citizens' Comments

None

Treasurer's Financial Report – Subject to Audit

Closing Balance for December 31, 2013: \$65,969.52

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Moved by Michael T. Smith, supported by Diane Mucciante, to approve the following consent agenda items:

- Treasurer's Report for December
- Income, Expenses, Payables, and Budget Balances for December
- Minutes of December 10, 2013
- Minutes of Special Meeting held on December 30, 2013
- Vouchers/Payroll for January

Ayes: All

Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Diane Mucciante

Tax Collection

Treasurer Mucciante collected taxes at the township hall on December 30th. Response was positive with 27 parcels paid at a cost of \$17,361.02.

Clerk's Report – Elaine M. Misiak

None

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Supervisor's Report – Michael Grohowski

Presque Isle County Road Commission

Supervisor Grohowski reported on a meeting he attended in regard to proposed road projects to the year 2017. Mr. Jerry Smigelski presented a prepared list of Federal eligible roads with recommendations for improvement. The list included Bolton Road, Long Lake Highway, North Grand Lake Highway and E 638 Highway. Supervisor Grohowski made a presentation in support of improving 638 Highway by crushing and shaping in two phases starting at US-23. Noted was the fact that wetlands are involved which will have to be taken into consideration to meet new standards. Since E 638 is a ~~Federal~~ County (correction: board meeting on 2/11/2014) highway, there would be no cost to the township for crushing and shaping. Also, there is public interest in extending the blacktop to accommodate bikers and pedestrians (this would be at a shared cost to the township). Supervisor Grohowski will follow-up by contacting the DNR and Presque Isle Township to discuss bike and pedestrian paths. He noted all projects are long-range and he is only doing groundwork at this time.

Park & Ride Parking Lot – Transfer Station

Supervisor Grohowski and Jerry Smigelski discussed the possibility of making a park & ride parking lot at the township transfer station. Discussion will continue in the spring.

Zoning Administrator – Matthew Bedard

Mr. Bedard filed his report through January 14, 2014. He commented on the complaints about the intrusive strobe light on the tower at 10671 Kroll Highway. He is continuing to work with Verizon Wireless to resolve the issue.

Mr. Bedard and Roger K. Witherbee attended the Advanced Shoreline Planning and Zoning Workshop provided by Michigan State University through NEMCOG. The workshop was informative and educational, focusing on means for local county/townships to adopt/enact ordinances toward the protection of shoreline erosion, water contamination, and maintaining aquatic protection (establishment of a buffer zone).

Foreclosed Property Information

Mr. Bedard was present at a meeting held in Presque Isle Township at which Presque Isle County Treasurer Bridget LaLonde was a guest. At this meeting Treasurer LaLonde encouraged the individual townships to promote the sale of their foreclosed properties. Moved by Michael T. Smith, supported by Diane Mucciante, to put on the web a listing of the foreclosed properties for sale with directions on how to contact the Presque Isle County Treasurer's office for information.

Ayes: All

Motion carried.

Assessing Office – Allan Berg

Mr. Berg, township assessor, forwarded information on a new requirement to mail personal property statements to *all* taxpayers. Assessors are also required to specifically single out those that may qualify and send them a special letter/exemption form. These mailings will be an added expense for the township.

Disabled Veteran Property Tax Exemption

Treasurer Mucciante reported that, to date, five veterans have filed for the disabled veteran property tax exemption.

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December Board of Review

Supervisor Grohowski reviewed minutes of December 13, 2013, Board of Review. Township assessor Allan Berg was in attendance. Nine (9) requests were processed.

Board of Review Workshop

LeRoy Flanner Jr. and Ricky Bloxsom will attend a board of review workshop in Alpena on February 25th.

Tentative Dates – March Board of Review

March 4 – Organizational Meeting
Monday, March 10 – 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 12 – 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Planning Commission – Carolyn Barrett, Chairperson of Planning Commission
Organizational meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on February 20, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting on February 20, 2014, will also 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 December 4, 2013. A complete review of the insurance policy from Alpena Agency by Chairman Michael T. Smith revealed the Authority was over insured, which resulted in an adjustment in the premium.

Rogers City Ambulance Authority – Michael Grohowski

Next meeting will be held on February 12th.

Transfer Station Report - Freddie Barrett

The transfer station recorded a yearly loss of \$2,398.27 through the month of December. Due to the extreme cold, Freddie did opt to run a heater as long as necessary to protect the equipment.

Zoning Board of Appeals – Michael T. Smith

No scheduled activity.

Other Committee Reports

None

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Appointments – Zoning Board of Appeals

Moved by Elaine M. Misiak, supported by Michael T. Smith, to reappoint Leonard Zielinski, Alvin Grundy, and George Heinzl to the Zoning Board of Appeals for terms ending February 1, 2017.

Ayes: All

Motion carried.

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March/April Meeting Dates

March 11 – Regular Meeting

March 31 – Budget Hearing/Rescheduled April Meeting

A date must be set for the budget workshop at the February meeting.

Proposed Budget Items: Parks & Recreation *Expenditure* Account, table project,
bug control

Committee Appointments - Planning Commission

Moved by Michael T. Smith, supported by Diane Mucciante, to reappoint Alvin Grundy and Sally Mulka to the Planning Commission for terms ending March 1, 2017.

Ayes: All

Motion carried.

Public Comment

Topic: Parks & Recreation *Revenue* – Carl Clarke Memorial

Adjourn

Moved by Michael T. Smith, supported by Diane Mucciante, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: All

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Misiak, Clerk
TOWNSHIP OF KRAKOW

Minutes Approved as Corrected: February 11, 2014