

KRAKOW TOWNSHIP

MAY 13, 2014

A regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of Krakow Township was held on May 13, 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, Roger K. Witherbee,
Michael T. Smith

Absent: Member Diane Mucciante

Also Present: 10 Guests

Citizens' Comments

Robert Kennedy, Democratic candidate for the Michigan House of Representatives, and Mary and Stephen VanPopering on water runoff at 6700 Black Bass Bay Road.

Treasurer's Financial Report – Subject to Audit

Financial Statement as of April 30, 2014: \$69,853.69

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

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

Treasurer's Report for April, 2014

Report on Income and Expenses for April, 2014

Minutes of Public Hearing held on March 31, 2014

Minutes of Rescheduled April Meeting held on March 31, 2014

Vouchers and Payroll for May

Ayes: All

Motion carried

Treasurer's Report – Diane Mucciante

Treasurer Mucciante filed a request to have all articles for the summer newsletter forwarded to her by June 6th.

Clerk's Report – Elaine M. Misiak

Election – August 5, 2014

Diane Mucciante has filed a nominating petition to fill the unexpired term of treasurer to November 20, 2016. Preparations for the election include ballot container inspection, training for clerk/deputy clerk, extension of contract for maintenance of election equipment, and training of election inspectors (a two-year requirement).

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Supervisor's Report – Michael Grohowski

Par Plan Grant – Records Room

Moved by Elaine M. Misiak, supported by Michael T. Smith, to pass a resolution to submit to Par Plan a grant application to pay for the fire resistant document storage room in the Krakow Township hall. Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Member Diane Mucciante

Zoning Administrator – Matthew Bedard

Mr. Bedard filed his report through May 13, 2014. Mr. Bedard has approved two zoning permits and issued a number of applications. He is issuing letters to residents who are violating the blight ordinance, and resolved a potential civil infraction for construction, conforming to zoning and set-back requirements, without a zoning permit.

Other Activity:

Ned Carlton – Property Division Request

Tim Onstwedder - Variance request for an addition to existing home located at 14959 US-23 S has been forwarded to the Township Zoning Board of Appeals

Assessing Office – Allan Berg

Mr. Berg has forwarded to the clerk's office all information relative to the March Board of Review.

Summer Board of Review – Michael Grohowski

A meeting will be held in July to process errors and omissions.

Planning Commission – Roger K. Witherbee

Next meeting of the Planning Commission is scheduled for June 26, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

Copies of the approved Master Plan have been distributed by NEMCOG.

Supervisor Grohowski congratulated the Planning Commission for a job well done.

Mr. Witherbee expressed his appreciation and satisfaction in working with NEMCOG staff member Richard Deuell on the Master Plan.

Posen Area Fire Department Authority – Michael T. Smith

Mr. Smith filed minutes and financial reports for March 5, 2014 and April 2, 2014. He reported that the master panel (computer board) on tanker #4 needs to be replaced. The cost of replacement could be as high as \$5,000.00. A state grant has been approved to cover the cost for first responders to attend a rescue seminar at the Alpena airport. Discussion held on category training for firefighters 1 and firefighters 2.

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Rogers City Ambulance Authority – Michael Grohowski
Mr. Grohowski attended the April meeting. Minutes were not available.

Transfer Station Report - Freddie Barrett
Monthly Report for April: Loss of \$618.82

Zoning Board of Appeals – Michael T. Smith
A meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on May 22, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. to hear the appeal of Tim Onstwedder, for an addition to his existing home at 14959 US-23 S, Presque Isle.

Other Committee Reports

Huron Pines Watershed Seminar
Roger K. Witherbee and Michael T. Smith attended the meeting, sponsored by NEMCOG and Huron Pines, held in Alpena on April 25th. They rated the meeting as well presented covering some of the following topics: water quality, environmental protection, and invasive species. Mr. Witherbee also attended a goals and outcome county-wide session in Rogers City, sponsored by Huron Pines, on May 1st. A major topic was the invasive species problem and how to control on a county-wide basis.

Presque Isle County Township Officers Quarterly Township Meeting
Michael Grohowski attended the meeting held on April 1st in Belknap. Guest speaker was Steve Lappan, Lappan Insurance Agency, who covered township insurance and Par Plan options. The next meeting will be the picnic/meeting in July.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Letter of Support – Recycling Services
Diane Mucciante filed a report noting that no mention was made in the minutes of the Presque Isle County Board of Commissioners to terminate the service. The current 2-year contract expires on 8/1/2015. The board will forward the following action:

It is the consensus of this township body that the recycling services provided by the Presque Isle County Board of Commissioners continue at the Krakow Township Transfer/Recycling Station, located 13936 US-23 S, Presque Isle, Michigan.

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NEW BUSINESS

The supervisor and clerk received a communication from the State Tax Commission stating that Krakow Township *has been* selected to be reviewed as part of the 2013/14 audit program. An agreement, reviewed by Supervisor Grohowski, has been prepared by Assessor Allan Berg for a complete re-inspection within the township.

Moved by Roger K. Witherbee, supported by Michael T. Smith, to accept a five-year property re-inspection proposal from Berg Assessing and Consulting of 20% of each property class per year at the cost of \$40.00 per parcel.

Ayes: All

Motion carried.

Other New Business

MTA Regional Meeting – Alpena, May 29th

Board opted not to participate.

Department of Natural Resources – Dark Sky Preserve

Supervisor Grohowski enlightened the board on the opportunity to designate Thompson's Harbor State Park as a Dark Sky destination in Michigan. He requested the board approve a letter of support for an amendment to designate Thompson's Harbor State Park as a part of the Michigan Dark Sky Preserves. Moved by Michael T. Smith, supported by Roger K. Witherbee, to approve a letter of support to designate Thompson's Harbor State Park as a Michigan Dark Sky Preserve.

Ayes: All

Motion carried.

Citizens' Comments

Topics: Public Parking Lot on US-23 S/638 Highway, MDOT information tower located on US-23 S, and Zoning Board of Appeals meeting.

Adjourn

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

Ayes: All

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Misiak, Clerk
TOWNSHIP OF KRAKOW

Minutes Approved: June 10, 2014