

KRAKOW TOWNSHIP

NOVEMBER 11, 2014

A regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of Krakow Township was held on November 11, 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

The Supervisor called for a moment of silence to honor all veterans, past and present.

Roll Call

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

Member Absent: Michael T. Smith

Also Present: 6 Guests

Citizens' Comments

Thank you for honoring the veterans.

Treasurer's Financial Report – Subject to Audit

Financial Statement as of October 31, 2014 - \$70,506.70

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Moved by Roger K. Witherbee, supported by Diane Mucciante, to approve the following consent agenda items as presented:

Treasurer's Report for October, 2014

Revised report on Income, Expenses, and Budget Balances for October, 2014

Minutes of Regular Meeting held on October 14, 2014

Approve Vouchers and Payroll for November, 2014

Ayes: All

Motion carried

Treasurer's Report – Diane Mucciante

Winter Newsletter

Please have all information to the treasurer by November 15, 2014.

3% Penalty – Winter Taxes

Treasurer Mucciante reported that a 3% penalty was not being charged for payments made February 15 thru the end of February in the current tax program. She recommended that the system be updated to include the penalty and that taxpayers be notified of the change in the winter newsletter. Moved by Roger K. Witherbee, supported by

Michael Grohowski, to collect a 3% penalty on winter taxes from February 15 thru March 1st.

Ayes: All

Motion carried

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Clerk's Report – Elaine M. Misiak

General Election – November 4, 2014

An election results report was filed with the board and made available for guests.
Ballots Cast: 316

County Clerk Ann Marie Main

The township selected for audit following the November 4th election is Belknap.
Ann Marie complimented the election workers for doing a great job.

Information Items:

1. No dividend from Accident Fund due to development of the total group's loss ratio.
2. PIE & G Capital Credit Refund for 1983 and 1984 was \$49.28

Supervisor's Report – Michael Grohowski

Phone Correspondence – Questions on the Lot Line Survey

Committee Reports

Zoning Administrator (Absent)

Mr. Bedard filed his report through November 11, 2014.

On October 29, 2014, the Zoning Board of Appeals approved a variance request for Andy Martlock, 7304 Grand Pt Rd, to construct a 20' x 30' addition to his lakeside home.

Mr. Bedard is currently investigating the construction of a pole barn on Black Bass Bay Road, and a complaint in regard to an unapproved travel trailer on County Road 638.

Assessing Office

Land Division Application

Assessor Allan Berg presented for the board's consideration a newly drafted land division application; easier to read, easier to understand, and easier for the property owner to complete. Moved by Elaine M. Misiak, supported by Diane Mucciante, to accept the new land division application as prepared by Assessor Allan Berg.

Ayes: All

Motion carried.

Land Division Ordinance

Assessor Allan Berg is recommending that minor changes be made to Land Division Ordinance 1997-1 to aid in enforcement and meet MTA requirements. The board will forward his recommendations to Zoning Administrator Bedard for review.

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Assessing Office - Continued

State Assessing Audit

Board received a copy of the State Assessing Audit from the Department of Treasury. Krakow Township requires corrective action in the following areas:

1. Form L-4035a
2. Lack of Land Value Maps
3. Lack of documented Land Value Determinations

Deadline for corrective action by the township assessor is December 22, 2014. Supervisor Grohowski will work with Assessor Berg to meet minimum assessing requirements for the State Tax Commission by the December deadline.

Board of Review

A Board of Review will be scheduled in December to correct clerical errors and mutual mistakes of fact.

Planning Commission – Roger K. Witherbee

The next meeting of the Planning Commission is scheduled for December 18, 2014, at 11:00 a.m.

Posen Area Fire Department Authority – Michael T. Smith (absent)

Mr. Smith filed the minutes of October 1, 2014. Information in the minutes includes a report on grants and donations received in the amount of \$6,580.00 to purchase a new 4-wheel drive vehicle.

Rogers City Ambulance Authority – Michael Grohowski

Mr. Grohowski presented a copy of the minutes of October 8, 2014. The next meeting will be held on November 12th. A big concern of the Authority is the fact that Emmet County is stepping out of affiliation with Allied Emergency Services in December 2014, leaving the remaining entities responsible for administrative fees of approximately \$30,000 to \$35,000.

Transfer Station Report - Freddie Barrett

Monthly Report for October: Loss of \$612.74

November 15

Moved by Roger K. Witherbee, supported by Diane Mucciante, to close the transfer station on Saturday, November 15 (opening day of deer season).

Ayes: All

Motion carried

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Zoning Board of Appeals – Michael T. Smith (absent)

Trustee Smith filed a final decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals approving the variance request of Andy Martlock.

Other Committee Reports

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Attorney's Fees – Lot Line Survey

Supervisor Grohowski reviewed the parcel/boundary line problem on Hill Street/Grand Lake area with Attorney Timothy Gulden. One recommendation to the board was to let the people involved work it out themselves. Attorney's Cost: \$7,500 to \$10,000 and could involve additional court costs. The only time he could recommend consideration be given to move ahead with a project of this scope would be at the request of the Township assessor. The township budget supporting the survey is a major concern. Consensus of the board was not to move forward with the project.

New Business

Resignation – Zoning Board of Appeals

Moved by Diane Mucciante, supported by Elaine M. Misiak, to accept the resignation of Freddie Barrett from the Zoning Board of Appeals, effective immediately, because an employee of the township cannot serve as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Ayes: All

Motion carried.

Board of Review Vacancy

Moved by Elaine M. Misiak, supported by Roger K. Witherbee, to approve the appointment of Theresa Szczerowski to a full-time position on the Board of Review.

Ayes: All

Motion carried.

Foreclosed Properties

Moved by Michael Grohowski, supported by Diane Mucciante, to, by resolution, waive our second right of refusal to all tax-foreclosed parcels acquired by the County Treasurer that remain unsold (5).

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Member Absent: Michael T. Smith

Other New Business

None

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Citizens' Comments

Topic: Can the county recycle millage passed on November 4th help pay our attendant and other operating expenses at the transfer station?

Adjourn

Moved by Roger K. Witherbee, supported by Diane Mucciante, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: All

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Misiak, Clerk
TOWNSHIP OF KRAKOW

Approved: December 9, 2014