

**Charter Township of Elmwood
Regular Board Meeting
September 14, 2009 in the Township Hall**

Call to Order:

Supervisor Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Supervisor Kelly led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Present:

Jack Kelly, Connie Preston, Terry Lautner, Don Gallagher, Dave Darga, Mary Barrows

Excused:

Debbie Street

Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

None stated

Brief Public Comment: Given By-

Sylvester Penny 9525 E. Hoxie Rd.

George Witkowski 10075 E. Avondale Ln.

Consent Calendar:

Department Reports:

Treasurer
Harbormaster
Planning
Zoning

Minutes:

(remove) August 10, 2009
August 24, 2009

Check Register:

Aug. 12 through Sept. 4, 2009

Committee Reports:

Marina Committee
Parks & Recreation Committee *(added)*

Consent Calendar Changes:

Trustee Gallagher requested the removal of the August 10, 2009 minutes from the consent calendar.

Clerk Preston requested the Parks & Recreation committee report be added to the consent calendar.

**MOTION BY TRUSTEE LAUTNER SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE GALLAGHER TO APPROVE THE
CONSENT CALENDAR AS AMENDED. MOTION PASSED 6-0 BY A VOICE VOTE.**

Approval of Minutes:

Trustee Gallagher stated that the draft minutes Of August 10, 2009 indicated Trustee Darga voting against the motion regarding Marina Patio Change Orders when in fact he was the one who voted NO.

MOTION BY TRUSTEE LAUTNER SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE BARROWS TO CORRECT THE AUGUST 10, 2009 MINUTES SHOWING TRUSTEE GALLAGHER AS VOTING NO. MOTION PASSED 6-0 BY A VOICE VOTE.

Agenda Modifications:

Clerk Preston requested the meeting schedule for the Boards next work session regarding the Zoning Ordinance be placed on the agenda.

Supervisor Kelly requested that New Business item 11c be moved to 11a, item 11g be moved to 11b and the items to be re-lettered accordingly to include item (h) for meeting schedule request above.

Agenda Approval:

MOTION BY TRUSTEE BARROWS SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE LAUTNER TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE ELMWOOD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 14, 2009 AS AMENDED. MOTION PASSED 6-0 BY A VOICE VOTE.

Reports:

Supervisor Remarks:

Supervisor Kelly submitted his written report and verbally highlighted certain section.

Trustee Remarks:

None

Other Officer remarks, County Officials/Deputies:

None

Communications from the Clerk:

None

Harbor Park Task Force Update:

Clerk Preston reported that the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday Sept. 16, 2009 @ 4:00pm in the Township Hall. Discussion will be possible cost cutting measures to the park and recommendations to be made to the Township Board.

Unfinished business:

None stated

New Business:

Award of Contract for Construction at Greilickville Harbor Park:

Klaus Heinert of Gosling-Czubak reviewed and explained the bid tables to the Board and answered questions, as the bids were higher than the 750,000 expected. **Supervisor Kelly** explained that all improvement items were not even included in the bids and that if included, the improvement project would be estimated at \$890,000.

It was the consensus of the Board to have further discussion on the issue and to look at all improvements, item by item and to schedule a **Special Board meeting for next Monday September 21, 2009 @ 7:00p.m. in the Township Hall.**

Proposed Resolution of Soccer Field/Neighbor Issues:

Supervisor Kelly indicated he provided the letter he had written to Mr. Witkowski responding to his concerns with the soccer field in his Supervisor's Report to the board. He stated that he directed Chuck Raney (Building & Grounds) to assist in providing a solution and cost estimates such as a fencing and/or netting. **Chuck Raney** stated building a fence with galvanized pipe and netting should cost not more than \$750.00. He also suggested that PVC piping could be used and would cost much less. **Trustee Darga** rejected the idea to use PVC. **Clerk Preston** recommended consulting the Twp. insurance carrier regarding the use of netting.

MOTION BY TRUSTEE GALLAGHER SUPPORTED CLERK PRESTON TO INSTALL A FENCE AT THE SOUTH END OF THE SOCCER FIELD AFTER CHECKING WITH THE TOWNSHIP INSURANCE CARRIER. THE FENCE TO BE PUT UP SPRING THRU FALL AND THE COST NOT TO EXCEED \$750.00. MOTION PASSED 5-1 BY A ROLL CALL VOTE WITH TRUSTEE DARGA VOTING NO.

Mutual Aid Agreement/Grand Traverse Rural Fire Dept.:

Gary Rushton Elmwood Twp. Fire gave an overview and was prepared to answer questions from the Board regarding the Mutual Aid Agreement.

MOTION BY CLERK PRESTON SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE LAUTNER TO APPROVE THE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN GRAND TRAVERSE FIRE DEPARTMENT-RURAL DIVISION, aka GRAND TRAVERSE RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND THE ELMWOOD TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT. MOTION PASSED 6-0 BY A VOICE VOTE.

Marina Committee Recommendations/Bridge at Harbor Park:

MOTION BY CLERK PRESTON SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE BARROWS TO TABLE THE DISCUSSION UNTIL THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2009. MOTION PASSED 4-2 BY A ROLL CALL VOTE. WITH TRUSTEE GALLAGHER AND TRUSTEE LAUTNER VOTING NO.

MOTION BY CLERK PRESTON SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE GALLAGHER TO POST THE PARK AS CLOSED DURING THE CONSTRUCTION, WHENEVER THE CONSTRUCTION OCCURS. MOTION PASSED 6-0 BY A VOICE VOTE.

Grant Re-submittal/Rotary Charities:

Klaus Heinert explained a proposed Rotary Charity grant summary and indicated the grant should be submitted by October 1st, 2009. We should have a response back by mid to late December of 2009.

MOTION BY CLERK PRESTON SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE GALLAGHER TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF THE ROTARY CHARITIES CAPITOL GRANT APPLICATION AND SUBMIT BY OCTOBER 2009. MOTION PASSED 6-0 BY A ROLL CALL VOTE.

Timberlee Well House Repairs/Change Order#1:

Jamie Wade Twp. Engineer provided information and options from Eckler Building Solutions regarding the repairs.

It was suggested by **Trustee Darga** and supported by **Trustee Gallagher** as well as a consensus of the Board, to secure additional information from **Mr. Wade** and to table the discussion until the next scheduled **Special Board meeting on Monday September 21, 2009.**

Meeting Schedule:

Maintain the **Special Board Meeting on Monday September 28, 2009 @ 7:00p.m.** as a work session regarding the Proposed Zoning Ordinance.

Payment of Invoices:

MOTION BY TRUSTEE LAUTNER SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE GALLAGHER TO PAY THE INVOICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$128,927.17 MOTION PASSED 6-0 BY A VOICE VOTE.

Extended Public Comment:

Those offering Public Comments were:

Tony Ansoerge 10101 E. Carter Rd.

Adjournment:

Supervisor Kelly adjourned the meeting at 8:45p.m.