

**KINROSS CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING**

**January 5, 2009**

**4884 W. Curtis St.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Lawrence Palma, Supervisor  
Marvin Besteman, Clerk  
Julie Munro, Treasurer  
Ed DeWitt, Trustee  
Harvey O'Brien, Trustee  
David Kauer, Trustee  
Brenda Case, Trustee

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Also, present Sheila Gaines, Dorothy Johnson, Alan Moses and Jamie Davison.

Attendance 13

Supervisor Palma called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Trustee O'Brien led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**#1 MOVED:** by Brenda Case, second by Harvey O'Brien, to approve the January 5, 2009, meeting agenda with addition of grooming snowmobile. Motion carried.

**#2 MOVED:** by David Kauer, second by Brenda Case, to accept the December 15, 2008, meeting minutes with amendment to motion #5 delete "Kauer" replace with O'Brien "appoint *O'Brien*, Munro and DeWitt to the Finance Committee." Motion carried.

The finance committee reviewed the bills and found no withholdings. However, the Board discussed in length the Supervisors blackberry contract. The Board agreed to contact the company and ask what the cost will be to cancel the agreement. Also, discussed was possibly selling the blackberry phone.

**#3 MOVED:** Julie Munro, second by Harvey O'Brien, to pay the following bills.

General Fund	24,161.19
Fire Fund	6,761.92
Ambulance Fund	56,727.84
Property Management Fund	2,977.04
Trail Grooming Fund	2,948.14
Parks Fund	228.12
Recreation Center Fund	9,005.83

Fairgrounds Fund	2,546.83
Golf Course Fund	16,106.86
Public Works Fund	101,917.29
Police Fund	17,003.33

Grand Total \$240,384.39

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Motion carried.

**#4 MOVED:** by Harvey O'Brien, second by Ed DeWitt, to look into canceling the prior Supervisors blackberry phone contract and possibly sell the Blackberry and the Bluetooth phones. Motion carried.

**SUPERVISORS REPORT**

- Due to the condition of the trails, the dog sled races for January are canceled.
- Senator Allen will be here tomorrow at 4:00PM.
- Budget Workshop scheduled for Tuesday January 13, 2009 at 6:00PM.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- How will people reach the Supervisor if needed?
- Don Sare stated that the DPW Meeting Minutes are not on the agenda. There are several items that we need approved by the Board.
- Resident suggested that the Board approve sending out a monthly newsletter.

**#5 MOVED:** by Harvey O'Brien, second by Ed DeWitt, to approve setting the trustees salary at five thousand dollars per year (\$5000.00) Motion carried with two no votes.

Resolution for Trustees salary will be presented at the next Board meeting.

**#6 MOVED:** by David Kauer, second by Julie Munro, to approve the Bennett Land Division Property #008-17-073-007-00AKA 7982 West Thompson Rd, Kinross. Motion carried.

Grooming Coordinator Davison explained the major repairs needed to the 2001 Lamtrac. Apparently since the township has only thirty eight miles to groom we only qualify for one groomer through the DNR program. The 2001 Lamtrac has a front plow and is a heavier groomer. The 2005 Tucker Terra is a lighter weight groomer both groomers have advantages and are needed since they serve separate needs. However, 2001 could cost up to 20,000.00 in

repairs. Gregware Company from Grand Rapids where the groomer was purchased has stated that they would pick the groomer up and take it back to their shop for a more accurate repair quote stating they would only charge the cost of fuel.

**#7 MOVED:** by Brenda Case, second by Marvin Besteman, to allow Gregware Company to pick up the 2001 Lamtrac groomer and take back to Grand Rapids for a more accurate repair quote the township will pay fuel cost to transport. Motion carried with two no votes.

**#8 MOVED:** by Marvin Besteman, second by Brenda Case, to proceed with lease of agreement with Brenda Verhey for building 316 at a rate of \$200.00 per month plus taxes for up to five years with the option to purchase, renter pays for any renovations and cost of maintenance repairs. Motion carried.

Supervisor Palma stated that he is appointing Dorothy Johnson as Deputy Supervisor.

**#9 MOVED:** by Brenda Case, second by Julie Munro, to approve the Deputy Supervisors wage of \$9.75 per hour part time up to 38 hours per week. Motion carried.

**#10 MOVED:** by Brenda Case, second by Marvin Besteman, to advertise for sealed bids the grooming snowmobile minimum bid of \$200.00. Motion carried.

#### **DEPARTMENT MANAGERS REPORTS**

Board reviewed the DPW Superintendents report.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Fleis & Vandenbrink  
Tree Planting Grant Program.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Planning Chair Munro stated that he and Brenda Case completed the Master Plan Certification program.
- Resident asked about the Salary Compensation Committee.
- Questions were asked as to what the Board intends on doing with building 227 the training center.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.

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Marvin Besteman, Clerk

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Lawrence Palma, Supervisor