

**KINROSS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING**

March 2, 2009

4884 W. Curtis St.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Also, present Sheila Gaines, Dorothy Johnson, Mike Hoolsema and Alan Moses.
Attendance 16

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

#1 MOVED: by David Kauer, second by Ed DeWitt, to approve the March 2, 2009, meeting agenda moved by Brenda Case, second by David Kauer, to amend the agenda by adding "employee raises, employee health care and DPW billing". Motion to amend carried.

#2 MOVED: by David Kauer, second by Harvey O'Brien, to accept the February 17, 2009, meeting minutes with correction to page numbering and accept the February 23, am and pm special meetings as written. Motion carried.

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

General Fund	27,139.26
Fire Fund	4,141.57
Ambulance Fund	33,444.57
Property Management Fund	137.35
Trail Grooming Fund	232.58
Recreation Center Fund	3,917.92
Fairgrounds Fund	383.40
Golf Course Fund	3,465.22
Public Works Fund	39,871.72
Police Fund	6,734.52

Grand Total \$119,468.11

Ck# 34819-34836 & 34857-34890

Motion carried with one no vote.

OPEN BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Supervisor Palma called the 2009-2010 budget public hearing to order at 7:09PM.

SUPERVISORS REPORT

- Spring Clean up will be held May 16, 2009.
- Lenora Pepler recently resigned from the Board of Review after twenty years of service. Vicki Ulrich who is an alternate has agreed to fill the vacancy.

#4 MOVED: by Ed DeWitt, second by Brenda Case, to approve the appointment of Vicki Ulrich to the Board of Review. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Whom does the township pay for assessing?
- How much has the township saved by contracting the assessing out?
- Resident stated that the Board should do a better job at presenting the budgets to the public.
- There is a deficit in the budgets and they do not balance. This board is not cutting enough.
- Joe Paczkowski who requested information through the Freedom of Information Act stated that once again the FOIA Officer did not answer his questions.
- Resident asked what the qualifications are to joining the Volunteer Fire Dept.
- Cemetery Chair Mervin Vanderstar asked that the Board to budget for the completion of the cemetery fencing.

Discussion held regarding old phones owned by the township.

#5 MOVED: by Harvey O'Brien, second by Marvin Besteman, to dispose of old township phones through the Diane Pepler Shelter. Motion carried.

#6 MOVED: by Brenda Case, second by Julie Munro, to increase the meal allowance policy for traveling to forty-four dollars per day breakfast \$8.00, lunch \$12.00, dinner \$21.00 and incidentals \$3.00. Motion carried four yes three no votes.

#7 MOVED: by David Kauer, second by Julie Munro, to approve the Sault Areas Race Association's schedule for 2009 and change test & tune from Tuesdays to Wednesdays. Motion carried.

#8 MOVED: by Brenda Case, second by David Kauer, to approve the Sault Areas Race Association to schedule rain dates on "Sundays". Motion carried.

#9 MOVED: by David Kauer, second by Julie Munro, to approve the Sault Area Race Associations request to extend curfew from 11:00PM to 11:30PM twice during the season. Motion carried with one no vote.

#10 **MOVED:** by Marvin Besteman, second by Harvey O'Brien, to allow the Sault Area Race Association to add additional concrete pads at their cost. Motion carried.

Trustee Case stated the Race Association must bring the pouring of concrete pads to the Planning Commission because they are changing the footprint of the township.

#11 **MOVED:** by Harvey O'Brien, second by Brenda Case, to approve write offs of ambulance run #10200KI in the amount of \$2190.00, run #113699KI in the amount of \$575.00 due to bankruptcy write off run #110672KI in the amount of \$205.00 run # 100667KI in the amount of 331.94 due to being paid by Rudyard Township and run #105822KI in the amount of \$108.14 paid by Dafter Township. Motion carried.

#12 **MOVED:** by Marvin Besteman, second by Harvey O'Brien, to allow the EMS Director, Township Supervisor and Trustee Kauer to meet with Rudyard and Dafter Townships to negotiate a new contract for Board approval. Motion carried.

#13 **MOVED:** by Brenda Case, second by Ed DeWitt, to approve BCBS as non-participating provider for the EMS Department. Motion carried.

#14 **MOVED:** by Ed DeWitt, second by Marvin Besteman, to allow the EMS Director to seek bids to re chassis one of the ambulance rigs. Motion carried.

Recess: 8:15PM
Reconvene: 8:25PM

With no additional comments written or verbally for or against the 2009-2010 proposed budgets the Public Hearing adjourned at 8:22PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Will the Board have another budget workshop prior to adoption?
- DPW member discussed water & sewer budget.

Treasurer Munro requested that the Board freeze employee wages charge a co-pay for employee health insurance and send the DPW billing to Norm's office.

CORRESPONDENCE

Department of State Bureau of Elections "Help America Vote Act" complaint.
Freedom of Information Request from Joe Paczkowski.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00PM.

Marvin Besteman, Clerk

Lawrence Palma, Supervisor