TORCH LAKE TOWNSHIP

ANTRIM COUNTY, MICHIGAN

APPROVED MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AS PREPARED 5-0

MAY 3, 2016

COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING

TORCH LAKE TOWNSHIP

TIME: 7:00 PM

Present: Martel, Schultz, Windiate Goossen and Amos

Absent: None

Audience: 2

THE PURPOSE OF THE SPECIAL IS TO DISCUSS A PERSONNEL MATTER, TO GIVE A FINAL APPROVAL TO A ROAD MILLAGE REQUEST, AND TO REVIEW A PROPOSED DAY PARK ORDINANCE.

1. Public Comments:

Ryan Bigelow asked to have the sale of the old pumper fire truck put on the agenda. Sharon Schultz asked to have a resolution supporting the Traverse City to Charlevoix (bike trail) Planning Committee added to the agenda. With no objections, #3 Road Millage…. was made #3A and the Fire Truck Sale was made #3B. The Day Park Ordinance was made #4A and the “Trail” resolution was made #4B.

1. Personnel Issue

At 7:05 PM a motion was made by Amos, seconded by Goossen to enter into a closed session to be joined by attorney Karen Kienbaum via a conference call to discuss her recommendations regarding a personnel issue. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Martel yes, Schultz yes, Amos yes, Goossen yes, and Windiate yes. Motion passed 5-0.

At 7:30 PM the board returned from closed session. A motion was made by Martel to not make a final decision on the attorney’s recommendation until further determinations could be completed. The motion was seconded by Amos. Motion passed 5-0.

 3A. Road Millage.

Martel explained that based on the county engineer’s assessment, 17 of the thirty paved roads in the township were currently in above average condition. Thirteen of the roads in the township would need repair beginning in 2017. The additional millage would allow the township to resurface those 13 roads at a faster schedule allowing them to not fall into serious disrepair. The other roads would then begin to be resurfaced at a time when they would need it to keep them in good condition. Using the current cost of $34,000/mile, there would be a balance of just over $50,000 in the road fund at the end of the five year levy.

Motion to approve the resolution #2016-11 to ask the county clerk to include a .5 mill levy for road improvement on the August Primary Election was made by Windiate and seconded by Goossen. A roll call vote was taken; Amos yes, Goossen yes, Martel yes, Windiate yes, and Schultz yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion to approve the ballot language for the requested .5 mil was made by Windiate and seconded by Goossen. A roll call vote was taken; Amos yes, Goossen yes, Martel yes, Windiate yes, and Schultz yes. Motion passed 5-0.

3 B. Pumper Fire Truck

Ryan Bigelow, the Fire Chief explained that he had received two offers for the old pumper of $13,000 from the Spencer Company, a maker of fire trucks, and $10,000 from a company in Wisconsin. The Wisconsin company would pay for shipping which would cost $2000. Neither of these offers was in writing and the department would need the pumper for another month. A motion was made by Amos to allow the fire chief to conduct the sale of the pumper. This was seconded by Goossen. Discussion: It was stated that these offers needed to be in writing. Motion passed 4-0. Windiate had to leave the meeting to finish the school election and did not vote.

 4 A. Day Park Ordinance

Addition language was added to make it clear that any kind of overnight use, i.e. camping, parking, mooring, etc. was not allowed. Discussion centered on pay for the launching of boats. There are vendors, a marina and a kayak rental that uses the Day Park for their business. To what extent their use should be controlled and should they be required to pay each time they launch a watercraft was discussed. Martel said he would look into the matter and make a recommendation the next time the board met. No formal action was taken.

4 B. Resolution to Support Traverse City to Charlevoix Bike Trail

 Sharon Schultz reported that she had been contacted by the Traverse City to Charlevoix Planning Committee who wanted to develop a non- motorized trail through our township primarily for bicyclers. A township endorsement usually is required for a non-profit committee to obtain grant monies. Motion by Goossen to approve the resolution #2016-12 and seconded by Schultz. Passed 4-0. Windiate was absent.

5. and 6. Martel asked for an extension to prepare the Municipal Civil Infraction Ordinance and the Ordinance Enforcement Officer job description.

It was decided to not have the scheduled Special Board Meeting Thursday May 5, 2016 but to have it on Thursday May 11, 2016 at 7:00 PM

There were no public comments and no board comments.

These Minutes are respectfully submitted and are subject to approval at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Prepared by Alan A. Martel, Supervisor