

**KINROSS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING**

October 16, 2006

4884 W. Curtis St.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jason Oberle, Supervisor
Marvin Besteman, Clerk
Vicki Ulrich, Treasurer
Ed DeWitt, Trustee
Dan Mitchell, Trustee
Fred McClendon, Trustee
Herb Henderson, Trustee

MEMBERS ABSENT

Also, present Township Attorney Underhill, Sheila Gaines, Mike Hoolsema, Norm Perkins, Alan Moses, Jamie Davison, Bill Palmer, Rick LaDuke and Denise Frasure.
Attendance 23

Supervisor Oberle called the meeting to order at 7:30PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#1 MOVED: by Ed DeWitt, second by Vicki Ulrich, to approve the October 16, 2006, meeting agenda with additions of request from Denise Frasure to advertise for new hire to replace employee who is resigning, Douglas Varnum from CenturyTel and Township Attorney Underhill. Motion carried.

#2 MOVED: by Dan Mitchell, second by Ed DeWitt, to accept the October 2, 2006, regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The finance committee reviewed the bills and found no withholdings.

#3 MOVED: by Vicki Ulrich, second by Ed DeWitt, to pay the following bills.

General Fund	20,774.80
Fire Fund	371.12
Ambulance Fund	32,565.10
Property Management Fund	2,000.77
Trail Grooming Fund	267.71
Parks Fund	943.55
Recreation Center Fund	4,302.82
Fairgrounds Fund	4,716.52
Golf Course Fund	27,173.10
DPW Fund	61,704.00
Police Fund	10,360.06

Grand Total

\$165,179.55

Ck# 30298-30390

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Resident welcomed Herb Henderson new Trustee and asked his credentials.
- Resident questioned the status of Golf Course renovations.

SUPERVISORS REPORT

Supervisor Oberle introduced Doug Varnum from CenturyTel who submitted information requesting an easement. The information will be passed on to the DPW Superintendent as well as the Zoning Administrator for review.

Supervisor informed the Board that Township Attorney Underhill was present to discuss pending litigation and recommends the Board goes into closed session.

#4 MOVED: by Marvin Besteman, second by Ed DeWitt, to go into closed session to discuss pending litigation. Roll call vote all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Recess to closed session: 7:40PM

Reconvened: 8:10PM

#5 MOVED: by Dan Mitchell, second by Vicki Ulrich, to turn the Fishman Group bills over to Attorney. Motion carried.

#6 MOVED: by Ed DeWitt, second by Fred McClendon, approve authorizing the Supervisor to sign Workers Compensation Redemption papers presented by the law office of Varga & Varga. Motion carried.

#7 MOVED: by Vicki Ulrich, second by Herb Henderson, to hire Amber A. Feasal full time Deputy Treasurer/Clerical position for the Administration Office. Motion carried with one no vote.

#8 MOVED: by Vicki Ulrich, second by Marvin Besteman, to adopt Resolution 2006-S9 Closed Meeting Guidelines. Roll call vote all members present voted yes. RESOLUTION declared carried.

#9 MOVED: by Ed DeWitt, second by Dan Mitchell, to approve the 2007 Annual Green Fee Rates as presented by Golf Course Manager Jamie Davison. Motion carried.

#10 MOVED: by Marvin Besteman, second by Herb Henderson, to approve the Chippewa County Road Commissions agreement for Tilson Road improvements. Motion carried.

#11 MOVED: by Herb Henderson, second by Fred McClendon, to write off ambulance bill in the amount of \$93.36 run #05k3-099, \$632.00 run #05k3-185 and \$75.00 run #06k1230 all patients are deceased and have no estate. Motion carried.

#12 MOVED: by Ed DeWitt, second by Herb Henderson, to approve the 2006-2007 Mutual Aid Agreement between Rudyard and Kinross Township for fire protection. Motion carried.

Lease agreement presented to the township by EUPHA. Representatives for EUPHA expressed concerns regarding monetary loss they incurred at their last show. The group had to cancel their last show due to incompatibility of having a horse show at the same time as car racing. EUPHA requested a reduced rate for the 2007 season.

#13 MOVED: by Marvin Besteman, second by Vicki Ulrich, to allow the Eastern Upper Peninsula Horseman's Association use the Fairgrounds free of charge on May 18-20 and June 8-10, 2007. Motion carried with two no votes.

#14 MOVED: by Marvin Besteman, second by Vicki Ulrich, to approve the Eastern Upper Peninsula Horseman's Associations dates of May 18-20, June 8-10, July 20-22 and August 10-12, 2007. Motion carried.

#15 MOVED: by Dan Mitchell, second by Vicki Ulrich, to approve lease agreement with Great Lakes Sled Dog Association for sled dog racing at the Recreation Center on January 13-14, 2007 with an alternate date of February 17-18, 2007. Motion carried.

Discussion held regarding the new minimum wage that went into effect on October 1, 2006. Personnel Committee recommends that the Board rescind the .25 cent per hour wage increase for retuning seasonal employees due to budgeting problems.

#16 MOVED: by Dan Mitchell, second by Ed DeWitt, to rescind motion #16 of the July 17, 2006, Township Board meeting "to approve all seasonal employees who receive a good end of the year evaluation get a twenty-five cent per hour pay increase as well any Board approved cost of living increase upon returning the following season." Motion carried with one no vote.

#17 MOVED: by Dan Mitchell, second by Fred McClendon, to approve a fifty-cent per hour merit increase for Gail Graham. Motion carried.

Employment resignation received from Isaiah Hope, effective November 3, 2006, Rec Center Assistant who is taking a position with the DOC. Dee Dee requested approval to advertise for the position.

#18 MOVED: by Dan Mitchell, second by Fred McClendon, to allow Rec Director Denise Frasure advertise for part time Rec Assistant. Motion carried.

Supervisor Oberle reported that Mackinac Environmental is moving forward with the abatement of building 300. Board agreed to have the Department of Public Works winterize the building.

Supervisor informed the Board that MSU Environmental Stewardship Program Advisor stated that the golf course has been certified environmentally friendly. MSU asked Bill Palmer to speak at a conference regarding standards he uses at the course.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Resident stated that the golf course is in better shape then it has ever been thanks to Bill Palmer and the Board should consider wage increases for both Bill and Jamie.
- Will the Road Fund cover the cost of improvements to Tilson Road? It seems the Road Commission dictates what roads to fix and they are neglecting the special assessment district.
- I do not understand why the Board advertises in the Evening News and not in the Community Voice.

DEPARTMENT MANAGERS

Reports received from Golf Course Superintendent Palmer, Golf Course Manager Davison and EMS Director Moses.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Park & Rec Committee, Personnel Committee and Planning Commission meeting minutes reviewed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Kinross EMS Request Donation Support
Neil Jorgensen Trustee Letter of Interest
Liquor Control Commission Cancellation of Application

Reminder that Thursday, October 19, 2006, is the next MTA Meeting. Gary McDowell and Jay Duggan candidates for state representative will attend.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30PM.

Marvin Besteman Jr., Clerk

Jason Oberle, Supervisor