

MINUTES OF TITABAWASSEE TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

SEPTEMBER 8, 2009 - 7:30 P.M.

**TOWNSHIP OFFICE 145 S. SECOND STREET
FREELAND, MICHIGAN**

1. Regular meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Rick Hayes, Supervisor.

2. Opening - Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Members Present: Robert DuCharme, Mary Kay Knoerr, Thomas Forsberg, Rick Hayes, Thomas Metiva, Carl Neuenfeldt, Paul Vasold

Roll Call

Staff: Brian Kischnick, Sue Sauer, Chief Green, Mike Underwood, Ed Mahaney

Staff

Guests: Mary Vasold, Kim Goss, Ron Goss

Guests

4. None

Public Comment

5. Moved by Neuenfeldt, seconded by Forsberg to approve the agenda as presented.

Approval of Agenda

Vote: Yeas - 7 Nays - 0 Absent - 0 Abstain - 0

Motion Carried

6. Moved by Knoerr, seconded by Metiva to approve the minutes of August 11, 2009, as presented.

**Approval of Minutes
August 11, 2009**

Vote: Yeas - 7 Nays - 0 Absent - 0 Abstain - 0

Motion Carried

7. Moved by DuCharme, seconded by Metiva to pay bills with checks #35261 through #35365.

Approval of Checks

Vote: Yeas - 7 Nays - 0 Absent - 0 Abstain - 0

Motion Carried

8. **Reports**

A. Committee Reports

1. Neuenfeldt reported the Planning Commission has been quiet.
2. No report.
3. Kischnick reported that there was a joint meeting with the DDA and the SportsZone Operating Committee to discuss the budget in detail and also some preliminary discussion on an addition to the SportsZone.
4. Forsberg reported “Arts in the Park” is this Saturday, September 12th, at the Township Park .

B. Officers of the Township

1. No report.
2. No report.
3. Knoerr reported there are six (6) days left for summer tax collection.
4. Metiva reported Mid-Michigan Waste Authority is sponsoring a computer drop off from September 21 through October 22 and the Township Office is one of the drop off sites.

C. Department Reports

1. A written report was included in the meeting packet. Kischnick also reported the After School Program at the SportsZone is underway with over 100 children signed up. Fall Flag Football has also begun at the Township Park with over 150 children signed up.
2. Green reported that the Police Department is having a digital radio system installed and should be up and running by October. This will be a great improvement for their radio communication with Central Dispatch; currently, there are times when they are not able to have radio contact with our officers.
3. Underwood reported their department will be hosting a county-wide meeting at the Freeland SportsZone.
4. A written report included in meeting packet. Mahaney reported the headworks project is almost complete and the Water Reservoir will be complete by the end of the month.

**Planning
Commission**

Other Committees

DDA

Park Committee

Supervisor

Clerk

Treasurer

Trustees

Manager

Police Department

Fire Department

DPW

9. **Unfinished**

Business - None

10. **New Business**

- A. Moved by Neuenfeldt, seconded by Knoerr to approve the permit for a fireworks display by Wolverine Fireworks Display, Inc. at the Township Park for a company picnic.

Vote: Yeas - 7 Nays - 0 Absent - 0 Abstain - 0

Motion Carried

- B. Moved by Metiva, seconded by Knoerr to approve the Election Commission recommendation to increase the voting precincts from three precincts to four, with all the precincts located at the Freeland SportsZone.

Vote: Yeas - 7 Nays - 0 Absent - 0 Abstain - 0

Motion Carried

- C. Moved by Neuenfeldt, seconded by Metiva to approve Resolution R-07-12 supporting and accepting the Michigan Green Communities challenge.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Vasold, Knoerr, DuCharme, Metiva,
Neuenfeldt, Forsberg, Hayes

Nays: None

Motion Carried

- D.1. Moved by Mary Kay Knoerr, seconded by Metiva to approve wages for seasonal employees, Art Weber and Duke Dymond, to be increased to \$10.00 per hour.

Vote: Yeas - 7 Nays - 0 Absent - 0 Abstain - 0

Motion Carried

- D.2. Moved by DuCharme, seconded by Metiva to approve a wage adjustment of 1.5% increase for Debbie Forsberg and a \$1,000 stipend in addition to all current benefits effective as of her anniversary date. Tom Forsberg abstained from the vote.

Vote: Yeas - 6 Nays - 0 Absent - 0 Abstain - 1

Motion Carried

**Approve Fireworks
Permit for
Wolverine
Fireworks Display,
Inc.**

**Approve the
Increase of Voting
Precincts from
Three to Four
Precincts**

**Approved
Resolution R-07-12
Supporting
Michigan Green
Communities
Challenge**

**Approve Seasonal
Wage Increase**

**Approve Wage
Adjustment for
Debbie Forsberg**

D.3. Moved by Neuenfeldt, seconded by Metiva to approve the five (5) year contract with the Township Manager, Brian Kischnick, with parties agreeing to negotiate new severance language in the near future as a result of the length of the contract.

**Approved Township
Manager Contract**

11. None.

Other Business

12. None.

**Extended Public
Comment
Adjourn**

13. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Robert DuCharme, Clerk