

## **CEDAR CREEK TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING April 13, 2021**

Supervisor Linda Aerts called the Zoom meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 13, 2021. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the roll call was taken.

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

#### **MOTION**

**Motion** by Wright, supported by Kuziak, to approve the Agenda.

**ROLL CALL:** Aye: Aerts, Kuziak, Jarvis, Wright, Foster  
**PASSED.**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Heather Jarvis, Stephanie Kuziak, Bob Wright, Linda Aerts, and Peggy Foster.

### **MINUTES**

#### **MOTION**

**Motion** by Kuziak, supported by Foster, to approve the minutes from March 16, 2021 with the corrections to Bob Wright's comment on DTE date, should be April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**ROLL CALL:** Aye: Wright, Foster, Kuziak, Jarvis, Aerts  
**PASSED.**

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer's Report will be placed on file.

Heather asked for a budget amendment. We need to add a line item for utilities to cover the cost for the new service to the park.

#### **MOTION**

**Motion** by Kuziak, supported by Foster, to approve a budget amendment.

**ROLL CALL:** Aye: Wright, Foster, Kuziak, Jarvis, Aerts  
**PASSED**

### **DISBURSEMENTS**

#### **MOTION**

**Motion** by Jarvis, supported by Wright, to pay all regular bills for the month.

**ROLL CALL:** Aye: Wright, Foster, Kuziak, Jarvis, Aerts  
**PASSED.**

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

None

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Linda received a very nice Thank You card from Dona David for all the hard work she did getting the Covid Clinic set up and organized.

Stephanie brought up an email received regarding meetings and Robert's Rules. Board Members must be present at meeting to vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – None.**

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### ➤ **Noise Ordinance Task Force**

You may have heard that Cedar Creek Township has formed a Noise Ordinance Task Force. Members of the Task Force include Captain Shane Brown of the Muskegon County Sheriff's Department, Jackie Miskovich of the DNR; Attorney Jennifer Barnes, who chairs the Task Force; Peggy Foster, Cedar Creek Township Trustee; Lorraine Grabinski, Cedar Creek Zoning Administrator; Steve Stafford, Resident of Cedar Creek, and Linda Aerts, Cedar Creek Township Supervisor.

The Task Force was formed due to the growing number of complaints related to the noise, all noise, but especially as it relates to noise at night. The purpose of the Task Force is to look at the major portions of our existing Noise Ordinance, address its inconsistencies and make appropriate updates in such a way that it is as fair and equitable as possible for all residents. Please know that this did not come about due to an isolated incident – it addresses all noise, and it reviews the entire Noise Ordinance. It in no way takes away anyone's guns.

The Task Force has authority only to make a recommendation to the Board. Final decisions rest with a vote by the Board when the Task Force makes its final recommendation.

### ➤ **Office Improvement**

We have received 3 bids for the replacement of carpet and flooring for the Treasurer and Clerks office, the bathrooms, the front entrance, and the kitchen.

#### **MOTION**

**Motion** by Kuziak, supported by Foster, to award the flooring job to Lakeshore Carpet One.

**ROLL CALL:** Aye: Wright, Foster, Kuziak, Jarvis, Aerts

**PASSED.**

## NEW BUSINESS

### ➤ **Junk Yard Permits**

We received both applications from Dale and Son and Polack's.

#### **MOTION**

**Motion** by Kuziak, supported by Wright, to approve both permits with proof of proper licensing from the State.

**ROLL CALL:** Aye: Wright, Foster, Kuziak, Jarvis, Aerts

**PASSED.**

### ➤ **Planning Commission recommendation of Marijuana**

The Planning Commission met on 3/17/21 and discussed a recommendation to the Township Board regarding allowance of any marijuana type businesses in Cedar Creek Township. The discussion included processing centers, provisioning centers, retail businesses, grow facilities, and tracking centers. Members did not think any

marijuana businesses other than a commercial type would fit in with Cedar Creek Township. The township has very little Industrial zoning and the commissioners were not in favor of allowing any grow facilities.

After some lengthy discussion, Zoning Administrator Grabinski informed the board that if we say yes today, we have to be prepared immediately to start issuing commercial licenses. The board feels we need a joint meeting with the Planning Commission and our attorney before approving the recommendation.

**MOTION**

Motion by Kuziak, supported by Foster to vote no on recommendation and review again in 6 months after having a joint meeting.

**ROLL CALL:** Aye: Foster, Kuziak, Jarvis, Aerts  
Nay: Wright

**PASSED.**

➤ **Cedar Creek Response to Our County Commissioner's Proposal to Secede from Muskegon County**

**From the Supervisor:**

As you may have heard, there has been a proposal by our County Commissioner Malinda Pego to have Cedar Creek Township and other Townships and Districts secede from Muskegon County. It is my "personal opinion" that this was done with the intent to distract from the business of conducting the work of the County. To that end, you have before you a Resolution outlining some of the many things provided to Cedar Creek Township by Muskegon County. Your yes vote will show all our residents just how much benefit is received through being a very important part of Muskegon County.

**MOTION**

Motion by Foster, supported by Kuziak, to approve and send Resolution 6-2021 to all of the Muskegon County Commissioners, to the County Clerk, and to our House and State Representatives.

**ROLL CALL:** Aye: Wright, Foster, Kuziak, Jarvis, Aerts

**PASSED.**

**BOARD COMMENT**

**Trustee Wright** – We need volunteers for the Tire Drive May 15th .

**Supervisor Aerts** – Back in February, in Cedar Creek Township we referred to Broadband as infrastructure before it became a controversial topic. You only need to live here to understand just how important Broadband services are to our survival in so very many ways. I want you to know that we are working on it. I am taking lots of Broadband seminars for rural communities, I have spoken with Rep. VanWoerkom about , I am talking with WMSRDC about their Broadband Committee, and beginning to consider how we can put a strong plan in place should we be able to use some of the Federal money that we are supposed to be receiving for Broadband Services.

Our Well is scheduled to go in on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

We are looking at hosting another Covid Clinic on May 5<sup>th</sup> – we just need final clearance from the Muskegon County Health Department, which we should have this week.

We also received word that the Farm to Family food program has been extended through the end of May. I am just looking for drivers as I have lost 3 recently due to work, vacation, and surgery.

Our Tire Drive is May 15<sup>th</sup> – We are still looking for more volunteers for that event. I believe that we will have tires coming to us from everywhere as it has been 2 years and people have been telling me that they have been pulling them out of the woods – everyone’s favorite garbage can for used tires!

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**

**Motion** by Kuziak, supported by Jarvis, to adjourn at 7:43 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Aye: Wright, Foster, Kuziak, Jarvis, Aerts

**PASSED.**

*Stephanie Kuziak, Clerk* \_\_\_\_\_

*Linda Aerts, Supervisor* \_\_\_\_\_