March 16, 2009

A Regular meeting of the Chocolay Township Board was held on Monday, March 16, 2009 at the Chocolay Township Office, 5010 U. S. 41 South, Marquette, MI. Supervisor Seppanen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

TOWNSHIP BOARD.
PRESENT: Greg Seppanen, Arlene Hill, John Greenberg, John Trudeau, Ken Tabor, Mark Maki, Susan Carlson.
ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer Thum, Denny Magadanz, Brad Johnson, Gary Johnson, Greg Zyburt.

MINUTES –February 16, 2009.
Tabor moved, Trudeau second that the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 16, 2009 are approved with one addition.
AYES: 7 NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS.
Tabor moved, Maki second to accept the agenda as presented.
AYES: 7 NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk Hill indicated that she would like to see the agenda prior to printing the Board packet.
The Board requested that as soon as the agenda is set each month, a copy will be emailed to each Board member.

PUBLIC COMMENT.
None.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE.
Hill moved, Tabor second that bills totaling $35,803.14 checks numbered 15346– 15384 be approved for payment.
AYES: 7 NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Maki would like to see attorney bills. He was advised to set up a time prior to or after board meetings and the bill will be available.

Tabor moved, Greenberg second that payroll for February 19, 2009 for $31,523.68 and March 5, 2009 for $27,224.49 be approved for payment.
AYES: 7 NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

FINANCIAL AND TREASURER'S REPORTS WERE RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE.
Treasurer Greenberg responded to questions on financial reports.

SUPERVISORS REPORT.
We are working on a Utility Franchise Agreement with Marquette Board of Light & Power. Trustee Trudeau is on the Utility Review Board and does not like the current set up. We should also have an agreement with Alger Delta Coop.
We are working on having the joint Planning Commission and Township Board meeting in May.
Chocolay Trail Bridge – It looks promising that the money for the bridge will come from the State of Michigan.

PARTIAL TRANSFER OF LIQUOR LICENSE.
Trudeau moved, Greenberg second that the request from SOUC'INC. is DENIED to transfer stock in a 2008 Class C Licensed Businesses with Dance-Entertainment permit, located at 200 Main, Marquette, MI 49855, Chocolay Township, Marquette County, thru issuance of an additional 999 shares of stock from the corporation to existing stockholder, Timothy P. Soucy; and by adding Rebecca A. La Valley as new stockholder thru transfer of 500 shares from existing stockholder, Timothy P. Soucy.
AYES: 7 NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

BOARD MEETING POLICIES.
The Board discussed the pros and cons of having a policy on setting and organizing the agenda and how the Township Board meeting is run. The Board discussed how being flexible or creating a strict policy would encourage more residential participation. This will be discussed again at the April meeting.

DPW EXPENDITURE REQUEST – DUMP TRAILER.
Maki moved, Tabor second that the Chocolay Township Board approves the expenditure of $4,246.84 from the Recreation and Properties Capital Improvements Fund #401.756.957 to Midway Rentals and Sales.
ROLL CALL.
AYES: Trudeau, Tabor, Carlson, Maki, Hill, Greenberg, Seppanen.
NAYS: None. MOTION CARRIED.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ALTERNATE.
Maki moved, Tabor second to appoint Mr. Lee Snooks as the second alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Mr. Snooks term shall end May of 2012. This appointment is provided for by the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, Act 110 of 2006 and section XV of the Chocolay Township Zoning Ordinance.
AYES: 7 NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

MARQUETTE CRIME LAB.
Hill moved, Greenberg second that we find the letter concerning the Marquette Crime Lab acceptable and authorize Greg Seppanen, Township Supervisor to sign the letter on behalf of Chocolay Township.
AYES: 7 NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

DEFICIT ELIMINATION RESOLUTION.
Trudeau moved, Greenberg second that WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Chocolay Fire Millage Fund has a $(143,624.00) deficit fund balance on December 31, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Act 275 of the Public Acts of 1980 requires that a Deficit Elimination Plan be formulated by the local unit of government and filed with the Michigan Department of Treasury:

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the Charter Township of Chocolay Fire Millage Fund Deficit Elimination Plan:

	2008	2009	2010
Fund Balance (Deficit) January 1	0	(143,624.00)	(129,048.00)
Revenue Property Tax	117,616.00	122,383.00	129,048.00
Revenue Other	595.00	0	0
Revenue Total	118,211.00	122,383.00	129,048.00
Expenditure Capital Outlay	261,835.00	107,807.00	0
Expenditure Total	261,835.00	107,807.00	0
Fund Balance (Deficit) December 31	(143,624.00)	(129,048.00)	0

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Charter Township of Chocolay Supervisor, Greg Seppanen submits the Deficit Elimination Plan to the Michigan Department of Treasury for certification.
Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

FIRE DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURE REQUEST – TURN OUT GEAR RACKS.
Trudeau moved, Tabor second allow the fire department to purchase turn out gear racks using funds from the departments 2009 budget line items capital outlay and uniforms and accessories. This purchase will not exceed $4,500.00 from 101.340.745 uniforms and accessories and $3,000.00 from 101.340.957 capital outlay. The fire department will bring an estimate to the Township Supervisor for approval before ordering the turn out gear rack.
ROLL CALL.
AYES: Maki, Trudeau, Tabor, Carlson, Hill, Greenberg, Seppanen.
NAYS: None. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT.
Wayne Dees- Commented on the agenda, ZBA minutes and the Planning Commission.

Ken Hill – Question on the Township compost location and availability to residents.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

A. Board update from employee staff meeting
B. Minutes from the Marquette County Townships Association - January 21, 2009
C. Senior involvement at Marquette Public Schools
D. Audit Correspondence
E. Marina sign

Supervisor Seppanen adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm.

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Arlene E. Hill, CMC Mary L. Sanders, CMC
Clerk Deputy Clerk