

Croton Township Board Meeting  
Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
7:00PM  
Township Board Meeting

Call to order at 7:00PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call - Morgan Heinzman Supervisor, Debbra Wright Clerk, Kim Edwards Treasurer, Bill Nottelmann Trustee. Absent – John Shepherd Trustee.

Approval of Consent Agenda –

Minutes – 5/13/2019

Bills – Bills were brought in to be viewed and approved by the board.

Bill Nottelmann motioned approval. Kim Edwards second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – All has gone smooth this month, and we are ready for the end of year audit. Kim gave a reminder to all tax payers that summer taxes are right around the corner. Wright motioned approval. Nottelmann second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Correspondence – Morgan Heinzman brought in one letter to be read. Letter was a thank-you to John Eurd at the Transfer Station, for a job well done.

Announcements – 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration Parade will start at Noon on July 6<sup>th</sup> and re-open when the fireworks are done, and the causeway will shut down at 6PM for the fireworks display, Summer Rec starts June 17<sup>th</sup>-August 8<sup>th</sup>

Agenda changes/Agenda approvals – Morgan Heinzman add that he would like to talk about what Consumers Energy is doing at the Croton Dam. Bill Nottelmann motioned approval. Morgan Heinzman second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Petitions - None

Public Comments on Agenda Items – None

Department/Community Reports

- Campground, Maintenance and Cemeteries – Charles Bonk reported that the Memorial Day weekend went well and was packed. Brandon reported all was going well in the campground and that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July has been booked for a while.
- Transfer Station – John Eurd reported that all is going smoothly. He wants all the residents in Croton to remember that the Transfer Station is closed on Sundays also. John requested that we put a sign on the gate that has the “SUNDAY CLOSED” on it.
- Zoning Department – Morgan Heinzman reported that we have issued 12 permits and we are issuing 6 tickets by the end of the week.
- Fire Department – Bill Westgate reported that we have 2 new firefighters. Morgan Hienzman asked if we could make the siren sound different for medical runs verses fire runs. Billy said we might be able to reset the tones. Billy said he would check on this and report back. We had 22 total runs for the Fire Station this month. Medical 12, Wires Down 3, Fire Alarm 1, Personal Injury (PI) 2, mutual Aid Big Prairie Lift Asst. 1, Mutual Aid Howard City Structure Fire 1, and Grass Fire 1.
- ZBA (Bill Nottelmann) – Bill Nottelmann reported that there is nothing new at this time. The next meeting will be July 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Planning Commission (Kim Edwards) – Nothing new at this time. Next meeting will be 2<sup>nd</sup> week of July.
- Croton Township Library- None

Reserved Time

Julie Burrell – Newaygo County Right Place Rep. – Julie said that the focus of the Right Place is to keep the economy “economically diverse” and help with employer retention. These are manufacturing companies that bring in money from outside of the community. This is a cost-free program for companies. The Right Place helps with the expansion of manufacturing companies. They help the community to see the bigger picture. They help the community answer key questions such as: “Are you ready for the company to come in or not?” The Right Place has 7 projects going right now, and have completed 2 projects in 2019 so far. The Right Place sets up retention visits with companies to find out what the companies need from the community. The Right Place is also working with the Tech Center so they can work with students in the areas that employers are looking for.

Bryan Kolk – Chairperson, Newaygo County Board of Commissioners – Bryan was reporting on the interactions between the County and the Townships. He said they were looking at the possibility of using only one assessor for the county instead of an assessor for each township. It is getting hard to find enough people to fill these positions, because of the qualifications needed for each individual. Bryan talked about the importance of having a “house hold hazardous waste” drop location. Bryan said that the \$.45 tax increase for fuel is also changing how the money is dispersed for the road commission. The “text to 911” program is going to help in areas with low cell phone service. Bryan also talked about the diversion program in the jail, and the plans of the local emergency planning team. The county is also a member of the MTA so that they can keep up with the things that are going on in the townships. Project Dragon is the name of the 45 miles of trails going through Newaygo County near the Hardy Dam. These trails are not going to allow any motorized vehicles. They feel this trail are going to bring more people into our area.

#### Agenda

- Appointment of Election Inspectors: Barb Butler – Election Chair person, Christine Thompson – Inspector, Roberta Weaver – Inspector, Pat Johnson – Inspector /for the August 6, 2019 election Morgan Heinzman motioned approval. Bill Nottelmann second. All approved. Motioned passed.
- Fireworks donations form Croton Township Campground – Kim Edwards said campground is in good shape, and is bringing in huge crowds. Morgan said he would like to see campground give \$1,500.00 for the fireworks donation this year. Kim Edwards said that would be good. Morgan Heinzman said that he will call Camp Harvest and see if they would be willing to donate again this year. Morgan Heinzman motioned approval. Kim Edwards second. All approved. Motion carried.
- Hoaglin Electric Inc. – Bid for Fire Department siren – Brandon reported that the electric wire had been hit by a back hoe, and they are working to make sure this does not happen again. The bids were as follows: \$4,260.00 for a buried wire or \$2,400.00 for wireless. Morgan Heinzman said that he would like to have the wireless put in for the \$2,400.00. Morgan Heinzman said he would like Hoaglin Electric to look at the wiring at the campground also. Morgan Heinzman motioned approval. Kim Edwards second. All approved. Motion carried.
- Update on Conklin Park and discussion on Pickleball Court – New cement Pad was laid for the basketball court. A suggestion was made to change one of the tennis ball courts into a pickleball court. Looking at bids and options for the tennis ball court.
- Construction at the Croton Dam – Consumers Energy is working by the boat launch to repair a “void”. They are waiting to put the docks in until they are done with the construction. While Consumers Energy is working people can use the campground docks for free.

Public Comment – None

Board Member Comments – Bill Nottelmann said that Stephanie Zinn the Ex-Director of Newaygo County Tourism Council will be talking about a trail, and Scott Faulkner the Fundraising Coordinator from “The Dragon Trail Project is going to be talking about “rumors” such as “What’s happening in Newaygo County?” – “The Rotary on M-37 and M-82 West” – “New Bridge” – and “Road change thru the city”. Both Stephanie and Scott will be at the July Township Board Meeting.

Meeting adjourned: Bill Nottelmann motioned approval. Morgan Heinzman second. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted by, Debbra Wright

Recorded by, Christina Fleeger