

CRYSTAL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

November 9, 2022 7 pm

Crystal Community Center

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor C McCracken at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: C McCracken, P Baker-Marek, N Mills, S Daily, A Little

PUBLIC COMMENT

Approval of Agenda and accept the Consent Agenda: Motion by Mills, seconded by Little to approve the agenda and the Consent Agenda Motion carried: ayes-all.

Approval of the Consent Agenda: Motion by Baker-Marek, seconded by Little to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried: ayes-all.

REPORTS:

- a. Montcalm Co Buzz: County expecting to receive \$50,000 additional in ARPA funds.
- b. Fire Report: reviewed report
- c. DPW: Busy with leaf pick up, expects to continue as long as the weather holds.
- d. Duck Lake Improvement: Weed Survey and Water quality assessments have been received, will be scheduling a Special Meeting in the next couple of months to review.
- e. Downtown Development Authority: Revitalization Grant Program updated to \$2,000 per year. Purchased new Summer and Winter banners and brackets. Winterfest-Feb 17, 2023. Sparks grant, would like to work with the township board to submit.
- f. Montcalm Police Report: reviewed report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. EGLE-J Melvin
- b. EGLE- G Earls
- c. EGLE-E Vance
- d. Montcalm Board of Commissioners-Variance Hearing 2819 S Shore

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. American Rescue Plan:

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Geese Round-up Resolution:

RESOLUTION 2022-17 TO APPROVE THE ROUND UP OF THE CANADIAN GEESE ON CRYSTAL LAKE

WHEREAS, the Crystal Township Board understands that the Crystal Lake Association and its membership identify as their highest priority the removal of nuisance Canadian Geese from Crystal Lake in Montcalm County and, WHEREAS, the Crystal Township Board recognizes this need and supports the Crystal Lake Association in obtaining the necessary EGLE permits required to transport the geese.

WHEREAS, the Crystal Township Board supports the Crystal Lake Association in obtaining a private contractor, from the authorized and licensed list provided by the EGLE, to transport the geese to the EGLE holding pens.

WHEREAS, the Crystal Township Board understands that if a suitable site for relocation is not available the geese may be killed.

WHEREAS, the Crystal Township Board recognizes the efficiency of the program is increased by performing nest and egg destruction.

WHEREAS, the Crystal Township Board will not incur any expenses related to the Canada Goose Round Up on Crystal Lake.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Crystal Township Board approves the request from the Crystal Lake Association to apply for a permit for the 2023 through 2027 Canada Geese Round Up including permit for nest and egg destruction.

Motion by Baker-Marek supported by Mills to adopt Resolution 2022-17.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Little, Baker-Marek, McCracken, Mills, Daily

I Patty Baker-Marek, Clerk of the Township of Crystal, do hereby certify that the above captioned RESOLUTION 2022-17 TO APPROVE THE ROUND UP OF THE CANADIAN GEESE ON CRYSTAL LAKE was adopted by the Crystal Township Board at the Regular Board Meeting on the 9 th day of November, 2022

- b. Sparks Grant: Motion by Daily, seconded by Mills to follow up with Wolverine to assess the MNRTF Grant and apply for additional funds with the Sparks Grant for this project. Motion carried: ayes-all.**
- c. Lighting District: Motion by Mills, seconded by Baker-Marek add the Lighting District to the tax roll for Winter 2022. Motion carried: ayes-all.**
- d. 2023-24 Board of Review: Motion by Baker-Marek, seconded by Mills to appoint R Muscott, R Walthorn, K Morgan and M Becker (alternate) to the Board of Review. Motion carried: ayes-all.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion by Mills, seconded by Baker-Marek to adjourn at 7:30. Motion carried, ayes-all.