

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF EAST TAWAS CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 5, 2010

Meeting called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Look at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the East Tawas City Hall.

Present: L. Bolen, Cano, Look and McMurray.
Excused: B. Bolen, Freel, Klenow.

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Jim Bolen who died on March 31st and was buried today.

McMurray moved, L. Bolen seconded, CARRIED, to excuse Mayor Bolen, Councilman Klenow, and Councilman Freel from attendance at the meeting.

L. Bolen moved, Cano seconded, CARRIED, to approve the agenda as presented.

There were no public comments on agenda items.

There were no public comments on non-agenda items.

McMurray moved, Cano seconded, CARRIED, to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2010 regular meeting as presented.

The following correspondence was noted: an invitation to the April 15th meeting of the Iosco Townships Association and the minutes of the last meeting of that Association, an invitation to attend the Sunrise Coast Travel Michigan celebration at the Tawas Bay Beach Resort on April 15th, a letter from the Michigan Municipal League in regard to dues, a letter from Charter Communication in regard to changes of service offerings and a letter from John Brennan representing Norman Corporation in regard to dumpster enclosures. The letter from Mr. Brennan will be referred to the Planning Commission.

Council Committee Reports: City Manager Leslie reported that the Committee working with Norman Corporation met with Tim Sullivan and Jim Russo concerning the plans for finishing the building. The representatives of Norman Corporation indicated that Mr. Firsker is still making decisions on a couple of items but they should be ready to go out for bid on the project by the end of April.

Staff Report: City Manager Leslie reported that the Department of Public Works worked in conjunction with Consumers Energy and trimmed the trees in the City this year without a contractor. They have also been working on renovating the benches and trash receptacles for the downtown. The tree stumps on City property that Consumers Energy left will be removed by the Department of Public Works. Fire Chief Deckett reported that the Fire 1 and 2 class that has been in session for several months has now been completed and testing has occurred. There were twenty-eight attendees from three counties. Police Chief Ferguson reported that the Tawas Police Authority has applied

to the USDA Rural Development for a grant for a patrol car. He also reported that the most recent update on the COPS grant is that the program will be funded for this year and they will be requesting updated information for the 6,000 applications pending from the last grant cycle and that no new applications will be accepted. He also noted that all officers in the Department were instrumental in solving four Breaking and Enterings (B&E's) in the area.

L. Bolen moved, Cano seconded, CARRIED, to receive the Fire Department report for the month of March and the minutes of the March 1, 2010 and March 29, 2010 meetings of the Tawas Police Authority.

McMurray moved, Cano seconded, CARRIED, to approve the agreement with Nate Credit for development of the City's website and authorize City Manager Leslie to sign the agreement on behalf of the City. Yes: L. Bolen, Cano, Look, and McMurray.

Bills and transfers having been properly presented, McMurray moved, Cano seconded, CARRIED, that these transactions be approved. Yes: L. Bolen, Cano, Look, and McMurray.

Cano moved, McMurray seconded, CARRIED, to approve the proposed amended budget for the Community Center Fund as recommended by Clerk/Treasurer Baker.

L. Bolen moved, McMurray seconded, CARRIED, to reappoint Bill Deckett as Fire Chief as recommended by the firemen. Congratulations were offered to Fire Chief Deckett who has been a member of the Department since 1969 and Chief since 1988.

Proposals for engineering services for the sewer lift station project were received from C2AE, Wilcox Professional Services and Russo Engineering. Cano moved, L. Bolen seconded, CARRIED, to receive the proposals for engineering services and refer them to City Manager Leslie and the Sewer Lift Station Committee for review and recommendation.

City Manager Leslie explained that Consumers Energy has proposed another rate increase that the Michigan Municipal League believes unfairly treats municipalities. The Michigan Municipal League has reactivated the coalition to fight the increase and the cost to the City to participate would be \$595.70. L. Bolen moved, McMurray seconded, CARRIED, to participate in the coalition to fight the proposed Consumers Energy rate increase for municipalities at a cost of \$595.70. Yes: L. Bolen, Cano, Klenow, and McMurray.

Council members were asked to review the draft of the Bid Process and Sale of Equipment Policy prior to the next meeting.

Council members noted that Jim Bolen served on the East Tawas Park Board since 1966 and will be sadly missed. City Manager Leslie will work with the Park Board to determine a suitable way to recognize Jim's contributions to the City.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Blinda A. Baker
Clerk/Treasurer