

# REGULAR MEETING

Saturday April 8, 2017

Garfield Township Hall

1138 W Erickson Road, Linwood, MI 48634

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## MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the Supervisor, James Dubay, at 9:05 a.m.

Roll was taken, Gerald Rivard, Karen Snyder, James Dubay, Connie Fantozzi, and Leroy Day all present.

7 people in public attendance.

The Pledge was said in unison.

Motion made by Day/Rivard to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion made by Snyder/Rivard to approved Settlement Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Snyder/Day to approved Budget Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Rivard/Day to approve the March 13, 2017 minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer read her report. Motion made by Day/Rivard to approve the treasurers report. Motion carried.

Motion made by Day/Rivard to pay the bills. Motion carried.

### **Northern Bay**

Dubay reported that news article discussed at last month's meeting contained false information. Dubay also obtained name of grant writer they use who works on commission. Motion made by Day/Snyder to approve Dubay contacting this grant writer for his help. Motion carried.

### **Planning Commission**

Day reported that at present the planning commission is not doing anything with medical marijuana. Dubay stated he would get with Lee Deary for the answers to the attorney's questions on the manufactured housing ordinance. Niemec stated next meeting is 6-6-17 at 6:30 p.m.

### **Fire Dept Chief**

No one present

### **Road Commission**

Day and Fantozzi discussed items from 2 meetings attended. Need to push more for Erickson Road bridge as it is probably taking a back seat to Mt Forest's bridges. It would help if we could identify if there were any handicapped people being affected by this. Dubay will attend the 4-12-17 meeting.

**Correspondence** none

### **Public Comment**

Leonard Gorgol spoke on behalf of medical marijuana as it could be a financial boost to the township and he feels we need to get in on this. He also stated that there is a handicapped person on the west side of the Erickson Road bridge if that would help with pushing this bridge forward.

### **OLD Business**

**Use of Hall** Tabled

### **Cleaning of Hall**

Motion made by Snyder/Fantozzi to hire Bay Area Professional Cleaning to clean 3 times a year. Snyder pointed out that offices themselves need to be cleaned by the occupant(s) and bathrooms/trash is the responsibility of the entire board which will follow the schedule previously discussed. Motion carried.

### **NEW Business**

Accident Fund Insurance – Held til May meeting

### **Provident Ins – firefighters**

Fantozzi advised Lind Insurance is quoting this policy after which we will most likely need another meeting with the firemen.

### **Zoning Administrator**

Dubay made a motion to hire Kathryn Riggie as Zoning Administrator. Seconded by Fantozzi. Motion carried.

### **Election Equipment Resolution**

Dubay read the Voting Equipment resolution to be sent to the county. Motion made by Fantozzi/Day. Roll Call vote: Rivard-yes; Snyder-yes; Fantozzi-yes; Day-yes; and Dubay-yes. Motion carried.

### **Chloride Program**

Chloride program is 50/50 split. Our share approximately \$8,000-\$9,000. Motion made by Snyder/Day to have Dubay send a letter to the road commission opting into this program. Motion carried.

### **MTA**

Karen and Kevin Snyder will be attending the MTA conference next week. Garfield Twp is receiving \$1000 from BCTOA towards this expense. Motion made by Day/Fantozzi to approve paying their expenses over the \$1000. Motion carried.

MTA Training for Planning Commission/Zoning – Motion made by Dubay/Rivard to approve 2 people (Kathryn Riggie and Lee Deary) attending. Motion carried.

Brent Rifenbark to attend assessor training in West Branch through the NEMAA. Motion made by Day/Rivard to approved. Motion made.

### **MISC Board Items** None

Fantozzi advised that handicapped voting machine and the current tabulator will be hauled back to the county this week per the county clerk's request. New equipment will be delivered shortly.

**Public Comment**

Leonard Gorgol spoke on all training being good training. Fantozzi reiterated that training **is** good but **all** township personnel should review the classes first to determine if they need/want a more advanced course.

**Adjournment** Motion made by Fantozzi/Rivard to adjourn. Motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

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Connie Fantozzi, Clerk

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