

REGULAR MEETING
Monday September 11, 2017
Garfield Township Hall
1138 W Erickson Road, Linwood, MI 48634

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the Supervisor, James Dubay, at 6:04 p.m.

Public attendance was 16.

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

The Pledge was said in unison.

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

Motion made by Snyder/Rivard to approve the August 14th minutes. Motion carried.

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

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

Northern Bay no meeting this month

Planning Commission no meeting this month

Fire Dept Fire Chief Brad Hoffman gave fire report. 10 total runs – 8 medical, 1 personal injury, 1 fire (Beaver Twp)

Fire Dept is having an issue with toilets not flushing. Dubay will bring home a commercial snake and snake the clean out to see if this fixes the problem.

Fire Dept would like to purchase 6 handheld radios with original purchase price of \$6000.00 but Motorola is having a 61% off sale plus Central Dispatch is looking at a grant for area fire departments that would bring the cost down to 19%. Final price would be $\$1140 \times 6 = \6840 . If the grant etc. does not come through, the Fire Department will not proceed with the purchase. Motion made by Snyder/Day to proceed with this purchase based on the above.

The engine and tanker are going to Beaver Township on 9-18-17 for pump testing. Approx cost \$2000. As the Vehicle Maintenance does not have enough money to cover this, Fire Dept requested the remaining necessary funds be diverted from the Fire Fund Equipment Maintenance category once the final bill is received. Motion made by Fantozzi/Day. Motion carried.

McLaren Bay grant – Dubay has not checked into this yet.

Jim Yuel from EMC Insurance just sent his report on the Fire Dept to Snyder who will disburse to the Fire Dept at their meetings on policies.

Correspondence none

Road Commission nothing to report

Public Comment

Sheryl Jones thanked the fire department for their work on the behalf of all residents.

Kathy Niemec spoke on the information she has regarding medical marijuana and wind ordinances. She will get together with Snyder who also has more information on these subjects.

The Erickson Road bridge was questioned by B Maxson as to progress. Dubay stated we are trying to find grants and work with the Road Commission to get this rebuilt.

OLD Business

Use of Hall Hall lease was approved and will be put in place. Dubai is handling the renting of the hall.

Grant Writer for Roads/Bridges – update nothing to report

Cemetery

Misaligned row of graves

replotting at the cemetery to move the affected row of grave sites will be done by Jerry Dubai shortly. The revised plot numbers were provided to Fantozzi tonight who will be providing revised plot certificates to the affected owners with the new plot numbers.

Drainage Foco Farm Drainage is quite busy currently but will try to get to us. In the meantime, Bill Karbowski offered to call someone he knows who might be able to get it done sooner. Mr Karbowski will obtain a quote if possible to have done by another contractor.

Ordinance

MTA has advised that we do indeed need an ordinance. Public hearing will be held at the planning commission's next meeting on 12-5-17 as they are having a public hearing then also. Kathy Niemec, secretary for the planning commission will obtain the ordinance from the Board to place it in the newspaper ad with their notice. Rules will be tied in with this.

Rules

See ordinance above

Road Projects- Gravel

Bay Mid Line Road has been held up due to a call to use limestone rather than brown gravel. Dubai just got reply from Road Commission tonight that indicates the cost will not change from \$8,625 for this change. Motion made by Day/Rivard to proceed with the change to limestone on this project and Dubai given approval to call our authorization into the Road Commission. Motion carried.

Dubai did not call Mt Forest regarding Townline 16 but did determine with the Road Commission that Mt Forest owes us a mile of road. Dubai to call Mt Forest

Supervisor to determine if this project can be changed to limestone, the fact that we will split the cost of 2 miles of road, and that Mt Forest will do the other mile of the original 3 proposed miles. Dennis Landosky will provide phone numbers to Dubai on possible outside sources of limestone for a much cheaper cost for this project.

Snyder is calling the Road Commission about putting down limestone on Carter Road from Erickson to Newberg in preparation for chip and seal next year and obtain a final cost on this part of the project (approx. \$27000 according to previous bid on this road earlier this year).

Special meeting on Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 7 p.m. for final determination of remaining road projects.

Estimated cost year to date:

Bay Mid Line	\$ 8,625	after change to limestone
Chloride	10,500	
3 chip & seals	40,000	after matching funds subtracted
Townline 16	37,500	this was for 3 mile split would only be \$25000 splitting 2 miles however, could increase as would upgrade to limestone
Carter 1 mile limestone	27,000	
TOTAL	\$123,625	(\$111,125 if 2 mile split on Townline 16)

This would allow for some gravel needed on 1 mile of Newberg

Propane

\$1.09 from Hirschman, \$1.14 from Hamilton and 1.19 Webster/Garner Clio. Recommendation made to stay with Hamilton. Motion made by Fantozzi/Day. Motion carried.

NEW Business

PA116

Cassie Knochel parcels being applied for PA116 status:

09-050-013-200-020-00

09-050-012-400-005-00

09-050-012-400-010-00

09-050-014-200-015-02

09-050-014-200-015-01

Motion made by Day/Rivard. Motion carried. Fantozzi will submit paperwork to the state on 9-12-17

Special Assessment Boats/Blight

Dubay to send this to Kelly at Equalization Dept

Election Commission Meeting

This meeting will be held immediately following the October 9, 2017 Township Board meeting. Snyder will be absent as out of town.

BCTOA

8 people attending. Rivard-2; Day-2; Dubay-2 and Fantozzi-2. Motion made by Day/Rivard. Motion carried.

Wind

Planning Commission to undertake this. Snyder will provide copies of the information she has gathered.

Special Use Permit Fees

These need to be updated by the Board especially in regards to medical marijuana and wind ordinances.

MISC Board Items

Dubay stated that he would be discussing expenses and class charges with the Assessor upon Dubay's return from vacation. A full review of his job description/responsibilities will also be undertaken at this time. However, we need to pay charges to BS&A for \$205.00 for a class the Assessor attended. Motion made to approve BS&A for payment but other Assessor expenses are on hold until after Dubay meets with him.

Public Comment none

Adjournment Motion made by Snyder/Rivard to adjourn. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Connie Fantozzi, Clerk

Date

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