

REGULAR MEETING

Monday May 14, 2018

Garfield Township Hall

1138 W Erickson Road, Linwood, MI 48634

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the Supervisor, James Dubay, at 6:03 p.m.

Public attendance was 20.

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

The Pledge was said in unison.

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

Motion made by Day/Snyder to approve the April 9, 2018 Regular Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Day/Rivard to approve April 16, 2018 Special Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report read by Snyder. Motion made by Day/Rivard to approve the treasurers report. Motion carried.

Fantozzi requested approval to move \$5,200 from Hall Maintenance to Groundskeeper Wages. Motion made by Day/Rivard. Motion carried.

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

Northern Bay no meeting this month

Planning Commission next meeting June 4, 2018

Fire Dept Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief Neumeyer provided report

9 runs for the month: 4 medical (1 for Mt Forest)
3 fire – 2 structure and 1 grass
1 first aid

1 well being check

AED's have been repaired (due to recall) and are back in service

Air tank test done and tanks will be back 5-15-18

Ladder test is scheduled for 6-2-18

Jaws of Life test is being scheduled with Williams Twp

All new lights are up with the exception of one

Assn meeting for fire chiefs is at Garfield 5-1-18. Arrangements have been made with D's for food at meeting.

Snyder brought up attorney bill associated with the millage resolution and proposal wording. Bill is \$480. Bill to be allocated to the Fire Dept.

Insurance compliance issues are in progress with only 2 issues still open. Tools on the engine need to be secured. Items needed to do this have been received and will be installed as soon as possible.

Correspondence none

Dubay advised 2 letters and 3 calls received from residents supporting the wind project.

Bill Karbowski stated he has signed a lease.

Craig Close from DTE provided handouts to the board and advised a bus tour is being arranged for a wind turbine tour in Gratiot County. Discussion with question/answer session followed. Bus trip set for June 2, 2018. The bus will take approximately 35-38 people from Garfield on the tour and return here. Those interested in going are to contact Dubay for a spot on the bus – first come first serve.

Road Commission

Grant Writer for Roads/Bridges – update nothing

Public Comment Gail Hahl voiced thanks to the First Dept for their aid in her medical emergency.

OLD Business

Auditor RFP

Snyder has letters ready for submission to 3 different auditors. Motion made by Dubai/Rivard to send letters out. Replies are being requested by July 1st. Motion carried.

Parking Lot Bids

Bids opened: Yeager \$18,150 (proposal to tear out and totally replace dismissed)
Quality \$10,990
Satkowiak \$11,500

Motion made by Day/Rivard to accept Satkowiak bid. Roll call vote: Rivard-yes; Day-yes; Snyder-no; Fantozzi-no; Dubai-yes. Motion carried

NEW Business

New Zoning Application Form

Zoning Administrator has drawn up a new Zoning Permit application and submitted it for approval. Motion made by Fantozzi/Rivard to implement its use. Motion carried.

Greg Jacobs for Planning Commission

Motion made by Snyder/Rivard to accept Greg Jacobs for appointment to Planning Commission. Motion carried.

Sherry Protasiewicz has agreed to move from Alternate on Board of Review to full member. Motion made by Fantozzi/Day. Motion carried.

Bay Midline Road Bid

Contract received from Road Commission on Bay Midline Road – Anderson to Linwood. This is a 4 way split with Midland County, Mills Twp, Bay County and Garfield Twp. Cost \$7,865.75 (our portion). Motion made by Day/Rivard to sign contract. Roll call vote: Snyder-yes; Rivard-yes; Day-yes; Fantozzi-yes; Dubai-yes. Motion carried.

Dubai and Snyder are to obtain current costs for resealing Carter Road – Erickson to Newberg and another layer of gravel on Townline 16 – 11 Mile to Garfield. Snyder will call Mike at Mt Forest to determine if they would like to participate in Townline 16.

Snyder asked for a list of roads needing brushing so we can start trying to work them into the road budget. In addition, she asked that everyone let her know which roads need work done.

Culvert on Bay Midline Road

Discussion held on getting this fixed – Dubai is waiting on response from Road Commission. He has already advised them that 4-6 months for this repair is not acceptable. He will contact Road Commission again.

Erickson Road Bridge

Ray Scherzer advised price on wood bridge just done in Midland County cost \$180,000. Why can't we do this? Snyder advised this is a county road and that bridge does not rate high at all on their rating system for bridges needing to be replaced. Suggestion was made for township residents to contact the Road Commission and/or attend their meetings to put some pressure on.

Cemetery

Dubay advised that we cannot find anyone to install a drainage catch basin/tile in the cemetery. He proposes to rent a trencher and purchase the tile and install himself. Brad Hoffman offered to help, Dubai will run the trencher and Fantozzi will operate the transit. Lee Deary offered the use of a transit for this project. Dubai will be renting from Bay Area Rental with the tile coming from Linwood Tile. Approximate cost \$600. Motion made by Snyder/Fantozzi. Motion carried.

Apex quote (for Assessor)

Quote from Apex for sketch program for Assessor. \$595.00 first year and \$235.00 maintenance fee annually. Dubai indicated that Assessor will most likely have another jurisdiction next year so suggestion is made to have this software installed on her personal PC so as to not to have to remove it from the server. Motion made by Snyder/Fantozzi. Motion carried.

Public Comment none

Misc Board Charter Communication contract noted as received. Issue tabled until Board has a chance to review.

Adjournment Motion made by Day/Rivard to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Connie Fantozzi, Clerk

Date