

# REGULAR MEETING

Monday January 14, 2019

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 6:00 p.m.

Public attendance was 26.

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

The Pledge was said in unison.

Motion made by Rivard/Snyder approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion made by Rivard/Snyder to approve the December 10, 2018 Regular Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

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

Fantozzi requested \$125 from Clerk Mileage to Election Mileage. Motion made by Dubay/Rivard. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dubay/Rivard pay the bills Motion carried

### **Northern Bay**

Dubay spoke on emergency meeting the prior week as NBA was out of money and couldn't pay bills. Pinconning Township paid their NBA (winter distribution) money early so for now they are in the clear. Dubay also advised NBA meetings are now at Pinconning City Hall (6 p.m. first Tuesday of every other month).

### **Planning Commission**

Dubay advised Wind Ordinance is complete and at the attorney. Dubay advised no moratorium extension at this time as attorney is reviewing and will advise if we need to extend due to timing. Dubay will be contacting attorney tomorrow for update on progress.

**Fire Dept** Report from Asst Chief Bryan Neumeyer  
4 runs for the past month

1 medical  
3 fire (2 mutual aid to Mt Forest and 1 to Gladwin)  
first aid  
well being check  
Wires down (less than 1 hour)  
Personal injury

119 runs year to date for 2018.

Jared Satkowiak has resigned from Fire Department. Motion made by Snyder/Rivard to accept his resignation. Motion carried.

Neumeyer spoke of battery for thermal imaging. Lowest cost available is \$303.00. He is seeking approval for purchase. Motion made by Dubay/Rivard. Motion carried.

**Correspondence** none

**Road Commission**

Dubay advised Bay Mid County Line bridge is done and open.

**Grant Writer for Roads/Bridges – update** nothing

**Public Comment**

Mike Duranczyk spoke re:

1. Commissioners stated vote was 4 to 3 in favor of 2 more deputies patrolling in the Northern townships at night
2. Neuman Road – this is not an access point for ice fisherman as it is private property. A locked gate will be installed shortly.

3. New department has been organized to apply for grants for veterans. It is the Bay County Department of Veterans Affairs.
4. The issue of 5 mils for Bay City bridges is going to be coming back up again as a Possible county wide millage

Several attendees spoke on condition of Rodgers Road – the worst its ever been. They have signatures from residents and are willing to attend Road Commission meeting which Dubay has agreed to go to with them. Determination made to attend 1-30-19 meeting. Discussion also on which roads are local roads (ours) versus county roads with some individual roads being identified.

Discussion held on financial reports available at each meeting such as to what line items were and when the fiscal year for the township was (April 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>). Request made for a possible check register at future meetings.

**OLD Business** none

**NEW Business** none

**Poverty Guidelines**

Board agreed to approve Federal Poverty Guidelines (utilized by the Board of Review). Motion made by Fantozzi/Rivard. Motion carried.

**Board Wages**

Board and other township wages were discussed and determination was made to keep them the same. Motion made by Dubay/Fantozzi. Roll call vote: Rivard-yes; Snyder-yes; Fantozzi-yes; and Dubay-yes. (Day absent). Motion carried.

**Groundskeeper Bonus**

Dubay discussed bonus for groundskeeper for 2018. Dubay proposed \$250. Motion made by Rivard/Dubay. Motion carried. Fantozzi abstained.

**Classes Board of Review**

Dubay advised BOR classes available through NEMAA (in Gladwin) at a lesser price than MTA offers or through MTA (in West Branch and/or Mt Pleasant). Dubay will get together with BOR members to see who is available to go when and put the class charges on his credit card. Motion made by Dubay/Fantozzi to send 3 BOR members. Motion carried.

**Public Comment**

Hoffman (Fire Dept sec'y) complimented board on not approving wage increase but questioned increases for Fire Dept (Chief and Asst Chief). Dubay advised with increase in millage just voted in, this needs to be considered in their budget coming up in March for the next fiscal year. She also pointed out the money does not cover mileage which she stated was not paid separately but Dubay pointed out that there were sums paid out this year in mileage.

Mike Duranczyk pointed out that County Treasurer is retiring and they will be following procedure in appointing a new Treasurer. Fantozzi pointed out that the notice is posted on the hall door and on the supervisor's door.

It was mentioned that Fraser Township passed their Wind Ordinance tonight (1-14-19) and closely resembles Beaver Township.

### **Misc Board**

Jason Kent – current website administrator has sent 2 proposals for the website – 1 to continue forward as currently in place and a 2<sup>nd</sup> to have him train a Board Member to handle uploading to the website and/or making changes. Jason can provide a more detailed proposal if we are interested in option 2. Dubay will contact him for the detailed proposal which Fantozzi requested include moving the website to Charter as we have a free domain available through them (a savings of \$115.00/annually). Item held for discussion for proposal til February 2019 meeting.

Planning Commission – Lee Deary's term is up soon but is willing to stay on until Wind Ordinance is complete. Fantozzi momentarily left to check the exact date of his term. As Deary's term expires 2-8-19, a motion was made by Dubay/Fantozzi to extend his term. Motion carried.

Attendee offered position on Planning Commission which was declined. Another gentleman not in attendance who had expressed interest will be contacted by Dubay to determine if he would like to be appointed.

Question asked regarding who the deputy Clerk, Supervisor and Treasurer were. Dubay advised Karin Dubay is his deputy; Kevin Snyder is Treasurer's deputy and Linda Bodrie is Clerk's deputy.

**Adjournment** Motion made by Fantozzi/Snyder to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Connie Fantozi, Clerk

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