

REGULAR MEETING

Monday August 14, 2017

Garfield Township Hall

1138 W Erickson Road, Linwood, MI 48634

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the Supervisor, James Dubay, at 6:11 p.m.

Public attendance was 15.

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 Rivard/Day to approve the July 10th minutes. Motion carried.

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

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

Northern Bay Northern Bay received 2 grants - \$10,000 from the casino and \$2,200 from McLaren Bay

Planning Commission Day advised that perhaps we should invite someone in to speak on medical marijuana. Also, Mobile Home public hearing will be held at next Planning Commission meeting. Next meeting 12-5-17 6:30 p.m.

Fire Dept Fire Chief Brad Hoffman gave fire report. 8 total runs in June and 8 total runs in July.

The Fire Dept received a grant from the DNR for \$1,800 which must be used by the end of August. We must match the \$1,800. Fire Chief would like to order air tanks etc. from Apollo for a total of \$3,690. Motion made by Fantozzi/Rivard. Motion carried.

Fire Chief and Asst Chief advised they could apply for a grant from McLaren Bay also. They will check further into this tomorrow and obtain information on applying. They would like to spend this on 4 new pagers at a total cost of \$1,880. They will bring the information to the next meeting. Another grant possibly available through (Don) at Bangor brought up by Dubai. Dubai will make the necessary calls on these grants.

Correspondence Adrienne from the SBA brought flyers, and information on disaster relief assistance that ties into FEMA for the recent flood damage. Information was placed at the back of the hall. In conjunction with FEMA they have opened a temporary office at the Bay City Mall. Applicants need to apply to FEMA first, may be referred after that to the SBA for low cost loans (1.938%) and then possibly back to FEMA again for additional grant assistance. She asked that anyone knowing anyone advise them of this information.

Road Commission Anderson Road is fixed. Bay Mid should be getting started soon as the agreements are finally all back in from all 4 parties.

Public Comment June Wilson spoke on the cemetery thanking those involved in the Boy Scout cleanup effort (Troop 139 from Pinconning and Troop 131 from Linwood). Dubai advised he would also personally send thank you letters to the troops. In addition, she presented a list of cemetery goals going into 2018.

OLD Business

Use of Hall Hall lease (prepared by Snyder) presented for review by Board members with possible implementation at September meeting. Dubai stated he would handle the leasing/hall management aspects.

Grant Writer for Roads/Bridges – update nothing to report

Cemetery

Misaligned row of graves 2 graves were buried improperly and are in the walkway the drainage tile was to go in. This has been discussed with the families involved and decision made to replot this section of the cemetery and move this row to the west making this grouping of graves 3 rows wide. The families with loved ones currently interred were in agreement with this decision. Roll call vote: Rivard-yes; Day-no; Fantozzi-yes; Snyder-yes; Dubai-yes. Motion carried.

Dubai to handle replotting at the cemetery.

Drainage With resolution of the above issue, Dubai will contact Foco Farm Drainage to have the drainage tile placed in the former row of graves which now becomes the walkway (draining will be placed immediately behind the Karbowski plot).

Ordinance Tabled with instructions for all Board members to review the ordinance Fantozzi had handed out previously.

Rules Tabled with instructions for all Board members to review the rules Fantozzi had handed out previously for finalization at September meeting.

Sexton

Dubai spoke on issues with the current Sexton which have not been resolved (requires cooperation from Sexton). Determination made to remove Mr. Coughlin from this position. Motion made by Day/Fantozzi. Motion carried.

Dubai brought up hiring Bret Witte as Sexton. Motion made by Snyder/Day. Roll call vote-Day-yes; Rivard-yes; Snyder-yes; Fantozzi-yes; Dubai-yes. Motion carried. Dubai to call Witte to advise him he is hired and notify Coughlin of his removal.

NEW Business

Road Projects- Gravel

Cost share tabled on Townline 16 with Mt Forest due to debate of using brown gravel or limestone. Dubay to call Mike at Mt Forest to work this out after ascertaining if Mt Forest does indeed owe us a mile on this road.

MISC Board Items

Propane Fantozzi provided quotes of \$1.09 from Hirschman and \$1.14 from Hamilton. She will call Webster Garner our of Clio for a price also.

Wind Snyder brought up a meeting on August 24th at 7:00 p.m. at Mt Forest Hall where a spokesperson on Wind will talk.

Public Comment

Bill Karbowski spoke on medical marijuana and questioned why all these townships are jumping into this. Snyder advised that we are simply trying to educate ourselves so we can determine if this is an area we want to go into.

Adjournment Motion made by Day/Snyder to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Connie Fantozzi, Clerk

Date