

REGULAR MEETING
Monday October 9, 2017
Garfield Township Hall
1138 W Erickson Road, Linwood, MI 48634

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the Supervisor, James Dubay, at 6:05 p.m.

Public attendance was 10.

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

The Pledge was said in unison.

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

Motion made by Fantozzi/Day to approve the September 11th minutes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Day/Fantozzi to approve the September 21st Special Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

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

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

Northern Bay Dean Arbor was approved to work on the new ambulance. Also, the Township Board is invited to the 12-5-17 6:00 p.m. meeting which is also the Christmas Party being held at Pinconning Township Hall. It will be a bring a dish to pass and a letter will be forthcoming so attendees can RSVP.

Planning Commission no meeting this month

Fire Dept Bryan Neumeyer gave the report

Toilets at the Fire Dept are now fixed.

There were 8 runs this past month:

- 5 medical (1 in Gibson)

- 1 car accident

- 2 fires (in Beaver and Pinconning Townships respectively)

Final cost on radio purchase obtained – with the accessory package of a strap, extra battery and case, the cost is \$8100 per radio. After the Motorola and 911 discount, each radio will be \$1622.75 plus \$250 activation fee (per radio). For 6 radios, this will come to \$11,236.50 (for all 15 radios, it would be \$28,091.75). Fire Dept questioned if there was enough money in the equipment fund. A check revealed that approximately 50% would have to come from the fire truck reserve. Dubay pointed out to the Fire Dept that they would have to be careful for the remainder of the fiscal year on new equipment. Motion made by Rivard/Day to purchase 6 radios. Roll call vote: Fantozzi-yes; Day-yes; Rivard-yes; and Dubay-yes. Motion carried.

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

Correspondence Assessments from Drain Commissioner. These will be sent to the Equalization Dept and Fantozzi will issue payment for the township portion of this bill.

Road Commission Dubay reported that Bay Midline work should be starting this week. Townline 16, Newberg and Carter should also be done in the next week or so.

Grant Writer for Roads/Bridges – update nothing to report

Public Comment Bill Karbowski questioned use of brown gravel and spoke against it. Dubay pointed out that it is being used on Townline 16 as this was the agreement reached with Mt Forest. He also stated that the boring drill bid for the cemetery would be ready on 10-10-17. Finally he questioned why the equipment ‘fund’ money is in with the Fire Dept operational money. It was pointed out that

this was the way prior clerks had set up Quick Books and that the treasurer tracks these monies separately based on expenditures.

Kathy Niemec advised she has information on 2 possible grants for the Fire Dept. Dubai asked her to contact Leonard Gorgol with the information and also provide it to him.

OLD Business

NEW Business

Medical Marijuana Discussion was held on available options – Opting In; Opting Out or doing nothing at the current time. It was pointed out that revenue is only received if a township (or other governmental agency) has Opted In and actually has a facility (or more) in their township. Motion made by Fantozzi/Day to do nothing at this point. Motion carried.

Cemetery

Dubay discussed replotting of the recent row being moved in the cemetery. Jerry Dubay is doing this work and discussion was held on rate of pay. Dubay advised he believes it will be approximately 10 hours to complete. Fantozzi suggested \$250.00 flat rate. Motion made by Fantozzi/Day. Motion carried.

Cemetery responsibilities such as selling cemetery plots, locating grave sites for the sexton, maintaining the map and alphabetical index and all other cemetery business will now be assumed by Dubay/Supervisor.

Cemetery Ordinance and Rules – this is being postponed by Dubay for a special work group meeting with an eye toward publishing this on 11-15-17 to be publicly presented at the Planning Commission meeting on 12-5-17.

Public Comment Bill Karbowski spoke on need to retain ordinances permanently which the Board acknowledged that it is aware of this requirement

Misc Board Dubay advised that DTE is having a solar farm tour in Lapeer on Saturday 10-14-17. Contact Dubay for information as you must RSVP to be included in this tour.

Adjournment Motion made by Day/Rivard to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Connie Fantozzi, Clerk

Date

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