

# REGULAR MEETING

## Monday January 8, 2018

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 6:02 p.m.

Public attendance was 11

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

The Pledge was said in unison.

Everyone was asked to remain standing for a minute of silence for Christine Betters (wife of Planning Commission member Steve Betters).

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

Motion made by Snyder/Rivard to approve the December 11, 2017 Regular Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Day/Rivard to approve the December 16, 2017 Special Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

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

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

**Northern Bay** Dubay reported on recent meeting. No medical insurance payments will be made to employees at this time due to a timing issue with the insurance. Most likely an increase will be coming in the future to cover this service.

### **Planning Commission**

Next meeting March 5, 2018

**Fire Dept** Bryan Newmeyer spoke:

11 medical runs

4 fire runs

2017 year total 102:

11 structure fires

2 grass fires

71 medical runs

6 car accidents

3 carbon monoxide incidents

1 false alarm

8 wire down

Fire Department participated in 8 mutual aid runs and received mutual aid 8 times.

Dubay spoke on McLaren grant which has to be written for specific items to aid the health/welfare of the community. He will speak with the Fire Dept at the training meeting on 1-9-2018.

### **Correspondence**

Mrs Glen spoke on behalf of Gary Glen who is running for State Senate. Dubay mentioned a machine Midland County has (and asked Mrs. Glen to convey his thanks for this information) that is used to test bridges. Testing bridges in Midland County allowed them to reopen 3 bridges. Dubay will request their aid in testing Erickson Road bridge in the spring in hopes it can be opened for car traffic. In the meantime, Dubay is getting letters from area farmers affected that will be sent to Gary Glen for submission to the Agriculture Committee for consideration.

Kevin Daley from Lapeer County also spoke. He is also running for State Senate and wanted to bring this to the attention of township residents.

**Road Commission** none

**Grant Writer for Roads/Bridges – update** nothing per Leonard Gorgol

### **Public Comment**

Sherry Protasiewicz spoke regarding her road. She was advised that Todd/Road Commission had requested his workers grade the road prior to putting down the limestone. He was out of

town when this occurred and found out after the fact that this had not been done. They will be doing additional grading in the spring in preparation for the chip and seal.

Kathy Niemec advised she had been contacted by a company interested in possibly putting up a solar farm in our area. She advised the Planning Commission would be looking at getting an ordinance written. Snyder advised that farmers with a PA116 on their land would have to take it out of PA116 to do this.

### **OLD Business**

#### **Employee Handbook**

Motion made by Rivard/Day to adopt Employee Handbook as presented by Snyder. Motion carried.

Snyder advised that additional updates would be made throughout the year and presented to the Board as necessary.

Day stated that he felt the township should utilize an application for all employees. Dubay stated this would be easy to put in place.

#### **Cemetery Ordinance**

Motion made by Day/Fantozzi to reapprove the Cemetery Ordinance as approved at the November 2017 meeting. Motion carried. Ordinance will be published in the Pinconning Journal on 1-17-2018.

### **NEW Business**

#### **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 Day/Snyder. Roll call vote: Rivard-yes; Snyder-yes; Day-yes; Fantozzi-yes; and Dubay-yes. Motion carried.

#### **Board of Review Class**

Dubay advised of full day class available through the Northeast Michigan Assessors Assn being held at Forwards Conference Center in West Branch on February 23, 2018 at a cost of \$35 per person. He recommended all 4 Board of Review members (Gorgol, Anschutz, Protasiewicz, and S Day) attend the meeting. All 4 will carpool together to incur only 1 mileage cost to the township. Dubay received confirmation today from the association that our board of review members were eligible to attend even though they are not members. Motion made by Day/Rivard to send all 4 (total cost \$140.00). Motion carried.

### **Bonus-Groundskeeper**

Dubay advised that the usual bonus for the groundskeeper was missed in December and recommended a \$200 bonus for W Fantozzi groundskeeper for 2017 services. Motion made by Snyder/Rivard. Motion carried. NOTE: C Fantozzi abstained from discussion/vote.

### **Misc Board**

**Fire Dept Post Office Box** Fantozzi brought up bill received via email for the Fire Dept P O Box rental (email to Fantozzi but addressed to Paul Smith). As there had been some prior discussion about putting up a mailbox at the Fire Dept, Fantozzi asked if this bill should be paid or not. Fantozzi's concerns were in getting bills for the Fire Dept in a timely fashion that would allow bills to be paid before late fees and/or interest could be charged and a mailbox at the Fire Dept would help with that. Fire Dept assured the Board that there would not be a problem with checking the P O Box regularly to ensure timely receipt of bills by Fantozzi. They requested the P O Box bill be paid (due 1-31-1018). Fantozzi asked that they have Paul Smith remove his name and address from this account. Snyder requested that they start getting all Fire Dept bills addressed to simply 'Fire Chief' and eliminate the use of home addresses to aid in this issue.

**Public Comment** none

**Adjournment** Motion made by Day/Rivard to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

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Connie Fantozzi, Clerk

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Date