

REGULAR MEETING

Monday March 12, 2018

Garfield Township Hall

1138 W Erickson Road, Linwood, MI 48634

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the Supervisor, James Dubay, at 6:00 p.m.

Public attendance was 15.

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 Fantozzi/Rivard to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion made by Snyder/Day to approve the January 8, 2018 Regular Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

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

Move money as follows:

- \$ 50.00 Hall Electric to Park
- 100.00 Hall Electric to Streetlights
- 500.00 Classes to Attorney
- 100.00 Classes to Hall Deposit Refunds
- 100.00 Drains at Large to Tax Change
- 70.00 Drains at Large to Permit Fees

Motion made by Dubay/Snyder to move money per above. Motion carried.

Motion made by Rivard/Day to pay the bills (including streetlights when the bill arrives as Consumers has had an issue and not produced the bill yet). Motion carried.

Northern Bay no meeting this month

Planning Commission Next meeting 6-4-2018 Deary spoke on working on the Wind Turbine ordinance. There is an open house at Forest Banquet on Tuesday 3-13-18 from 4 to 7 p.m. and anyone is welcome to attend. In addition, the Planning Commission is trying to arrange a tour of the thumb wind farms where again others will be able to attend. More information to come.

Fire Dept

8 runs for the month: 3 medical

3 fire (mutual aid given to Billings & Pinconning. Mutual aid received from Mt Forest, Pinconning and Fraser

2 check well being runs

personal injury accident

cancellation

Fire Dept policies are complete. Amendment was made by Snyder to have signature pages for the employee handbooks to be retained on file at the Fire Dept for all the firefighters. Handbooks will be distributed upon inclusion of this amendment after which signatures will be obtained. Motion made by Rivard/Day. Motion carried.

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 ordered from Fire.com with bill presented at this meeting on Dubai's credit card). Upon receipt of items, this issue will be completed. Final issue is ladder inspection which Neumeyer is attempting to involve other fire departments in at the same time to reduce the cost of these inspections.

There is a firefighter training in Mt Pleasant on March 14, 2018 in Mt Pleasant that they would like to send Hoffman, Hoffman and Neumeyer to. They wanted approval for class fee of \$40 per person plus mileage (they will carpool together). Motion made by Dubai/Rivard. Motion carried.

Correspondence none

Road Commission Day advised Building Better Roads is to remain the same as last year (\$20,000.). Discussion of 2018 road work will take place following settlement meeting.

Grant Writer for Roads/Bridges – update nothing

Public Comment

Leonard Gorgol spoke on community and how we all need to watch for each other and care about each other.

Lee Deary spoke on ditching on 11 Mile Road and how badly its needed. Dubai will be doing his annual ride with Todd soon and that normally the township gets \$11,500 for ditching. Dubai will also ask Cory Wells and Jim Lillo from the Road Commission to come to our next meeting.

OLD Business

Fire Dept Millages Discussion held regarding millages for Fire Dept. which have been the same for 39 years. Dubai recommended firefighters attend the settlement meeting to aid in the final budget process. Per attorney, we can increase each millage 50% and still call it a renewal with an increase. Greg Jacobs questioned if this was a normal process and Dubai advised this was reviewed by the attorney and okayed. Fantozzi pointed out that millages would need to be back from the attorney in time for the April meeting so the resolutions could be approved and gotten to the County Clerk by 5-1-2018.

Foster Blue Water (Park gas/diesel delivery)

Fantozzi advised that Hirschman would charge a \$95 delivery fee for quicker deliveries. If a 10 day notice could be given, then the delivery fee would be waived. Groundskeeper advised that he could probably order 10 days or more in advance. Determination made to stay with Foster Blue Water.

NEW Business

Cynthia Killey resignation (Planning Commission) Resignation letter read from Cynthia Killey. Motion made by Rivard/Snyder to accept the resignation. Motion carried

Dubai advised all present that there is an opening on the Planning Commission and anyone interested could contact him or any Board member.

Brent Rifenbark resignation (Assessor) Resignation letter read from Brent Rifenbark. Dubai advised that Brent would help us out through the July Board of Review if we didn't have a new assessor by then. Motion made by Dubai/Fantozzi to accept Brent's resignation. Motion carried.

Dubay advised he is advertising in the Northeast Michigan Assessors Assn which should reach all the local area assessors.

RFIP for Auditor

Snyder will be working on getting RFP's out for auditor soon.

Public Comment

BCTOA April 18, 2018 Motion made by Day/Snyder to approve sending 9 people. Motion carried.

Discussion on BS&A software purchase held with review on the server setup and the anti virus purchase through IT Right with a brief overview of how this will all work.

Sheryl Jones questioned why Foster Blue Water and Hamilton. She was advised Hamilton is propane and Foster Blue Water is the mower fuel for the park/cemetery/fire dept.

Neumeyer spoke on the fact that its been 39 years for the Fire Dept on the same millage and its need at the Fire Dept. He offered to speak to anyone present on questions they might have after the meeting.

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

Connie Fantozzi, Clerk

Date