

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday September 11, 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 26.

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 Day/Rivard to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

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

Treasurer's report read by Snyder. 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

Dubay reported that a power lift was purchased. NBA had to pay 10% of the purchase price as grant money was received for the balance.

Planning Commission

Dubay advised next meetings are:

- September 25, 2018
- October 4, 2018
- October 18, 2018

All meetings to be at Fox Conservation Club on Prevo Road and all start at 6:30 p.m.

Fire Dept Asst Chief Neumeyer delivered report for July runs:

- 9 medical
- 1 fire

- 1 first aid (car accident)
well being check
- 3 Wires down

Correspondence none

Road Commission

Metal tube being bid for Bay Midline – bids to be opened 9-17-18

Grant Writer for Roads/Bridges – update nothing

Public Comment

Mike Duranczyk Bay County Commissioner spoke on county issues:

Deputy approved for Franklun and Kawkawlin townships to share (this deputy will Be available to aid in other townships too)

K9 dog in Pinconning (Lincoln) is also available for use in all townships

9-14-18 a Health Fair will be held at the Bay County Community Center (Kennedy Drive By Vets Park in Bay City). The aim is to help seniors identify services available to them And how to get signed up for these services.

Long discussion was held on Erickson Road bridge and Bay Midline bridge and the issues involved in getting these fixed. Bay Midline as previously noted is out for bids right now and is slated to be completed yet this fall. Erickson Road bridge is a county bridge and the board asked all residents to contact the Road Commission and/or attend their meetings as so far Garfield Township has been unable to get the Road Commission to get this bridge even on a list to be replaced.

Question asked - where the surveys are that people have completed for the township -Snyder advised Niemec on the Planning Commission has these. She also asked where the surveys are that DTE sent out – Snyder advised we have not seen these – they are most likely with DTE. Conflict of interest with Greg Jacobs being on the Planning Commission and asked why an attachment from Jacobs was not included with the Planning Commission minutes from the March meeting. Niemec advised these were handwritten and passed out at the subsequent meeting with those minutes. Conflict of interest raised regarding Landosky being on the Planning Commission as an alternate. Dubai advised Landosky is not on the Planning Commission (also

that this commission has never had an alternate). Landosky is on the Zoning Board of Appeals as an alternate. As the ZBA meets usually only once a year, Landosky remains on this board until the next meeting is closer and his participation can be better determined.

OLD Business none

Auditor Bids

Discussion held on switching from current auditors (Campbell) to Snyder's choice of Berthiaume's. Day is opposed to switching due to increased cost but other discussion indicated rest of board was inclined to agree with Snyder due to the more comprehensive audit, their use of trained accountants/CPA's to do the audit, and their willingness to accept phone calls regarding issues and how to put them through the books as they arise. Motion made by Rivard/Fantozzi to switch to Berthiaume's. Motion carried (Day opposed).

NEW Business

Propane

Fantozzi advised best price currently is from present supplier – Hamilton's Propane at \$1.34 per gallon. Motion made by Fantozzi/Day to remain with Hamilton's. Motion carried.

Northern Bay Ambulance rate

Discussion held on rate currently assessed for NBA and that this will not be enough in the very near future. Proposal would be to increase our rate and maintain overages in a separate account (just like Fire and Trash are now) which would allow us to have money on hand when it comes time for NBA to purchase a new ambulance or other equipment. Other townships are doing the same thing. Per Snyder, this would not be a separate (fund) bank account but a reserved account within the General Fund as a totally separate bank account would greatly increase bank fees. Suggested new rate would be \$32.00. Motion made by Snyder/Rivard. Motion carried.

Trash rate

Discussed Republic contract (approx. expiration 12-19). Currently we will just finish this fiscal year and have almost no carryover for 2020. Suggestion to raise rate to \$140 (\$5 increase) to carry us through til the end of the contract. At that time, the township will put this contract out for bids. Motion made by Dubay/Day. Motion carried.

Pickup of large items at the street was also discussed. Residents are advised to call Republic to pick these items up or have the driver call during regular Wednesday pickups. Dubay advised that this is in our contract and if there are any issues to call him.

Next public dumpster is coming Friday, 9-14-18. Dubai requested no one overfill the dumpster as this makes Republic unable to pick up. If you need to put tires in, they need to be cut in half. Otherwise, Dubai does post notices when tire recycling/pickup is being done in the area.

Steve Betters – letter of resignation from Betters from the Planning Commission effective 8-28-18 was read by Dubai. Motion made by Fantozzi/Day to accept. Motion carried.

Dubai advised he has 2 resumes so far for persons interested in being on the Planning Commission – Richard Both and Keith Badour. Dubai advised anyone else interested to contact him. He advised he would most likely interview candidates with someone from the Board and the Planning Commission. Dubai also announced 2 openings on the Zoning Board of Appeals and again asked those interested to contact him. He also gave a brief overview of what this board does.

BCTOA meeting October 17, 2018 at Monitor Township. Jerry/Joyce Rivard and Leroy/Sandy Day will be attending.

Public Comment

Wind turbine communication – Niemec from Planning Commission will be placing ad in Pinconning Journal. Dubai also posts the sign in front of the hall. Question raised regarding moratorium on wind turbines – was this necessary to prevent any installation of these until the ordinance is done – Dubai advised yes. A citizens advisory committee was suggested to be put together to work on defining the ordinance in a non public meeting venue as with so many people speaking, no work is actually being done on the ordinance. Dubai advised this could very easily violate the open meetings act plus would be difficult to get everyone agreeable to everyone for this committee.

Misc Board none

Adjournment Motion made by to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Connie Fantozzi, Clerk

Date