

Minutes of the regular meeting held on Tuesday, April 4, 2017.

Members present: Bill Kays, Carl Davis, Barb Fisher, and Tom Landis. Absent: Carmen Fleischauer.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the regular meeting of March 7, 2017 were reviewed and with a consent Motion by Landis and 2nd by Fisher to adopt the minutes as presented. Motion Passed.

Minutes of the special meeting of March 25, 2017 were reviewed and with a consent Motion by Landis and 2nd by Fisher to adopt the minutes as presented. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's report was given showing a balance in the general fund of \$347,290.87. The Treasurer's report will stand as read.

Motion by Fisher and 2nd by Landis to pay all bills as audited. Motion Passed.

Guests:

Beth Griffin, State Representative, reported on State House bills that are in progress and pending. She then was open for questions.

Richard Freestone, 4th District County Commissioner, reported on the county millage proposal that will come before the voters at the May 2, 2017 election. He was then open for questions.

Rick Boze, County Road Commissioner, reported on what the county road commission is doing. He was then open for questions.

Fire reports:

Sister Lakes Fire Department had three calls in Keeler Township. One to assist KTFR on a car fire, One to assist KTFR on a drowning , and One MVA with minor injuries.

Keeler Township Fire & Rescue had seven calls. Four First Responder calls, MVA, water rescue, two medical calls, Three fire calls, one car fire, one assist Hartford Fire Dept. and one assist to Bangor Fire Dept. Fire Chief reported that the five SCBA bottles have been put into service, The body repairs have been done on Unit 1660. He has received a quote on installing cameras on the back of Unit 1635. The cost will be \$1400 at Starlite. Motion by Landis and 2nd by Fisher to approve the cameras for purchase. Motion Passed. Fire Chief said that personnel committee has reviewed Trevor Struble for membership to the Fire Department. Motion by Landis and 2nd by Fisher to approve Trevor Struble for membership to the Fire Department. Motion Passed. Fire Chief has reported that none of the equipment has been turned in from Nicholas Quinn. He was assigned a medical bag, a mobile radio in his vehicle, a portable radio, full set of turn out gear and a pager. Fire Chief and Board members would like this turned over to our Deputy Sheriff. Motion by Fisher and 2nd by Landis to turn this matter over to our Deputy Sheriff and if need be, prosecution by our township attorney. Motion Passed.

Ambulance report:

Pride Care Ambulance reported for month of February, 2017 they had six priority one calls with an average response time of 6.02 minutes.

Van Buren County Deputy Ray Hochsprung:

Today was his first day back from medical leave. The township patrol vehicle will be stationed in the fire truck bay area going forward. In regards to the playhouse property and structures the owner did not appear on the citations and the township was given the compliance order for demolition. Attorney Seeber has filed paperwork for the show cause hearing. The property located on Vineyard Avenue in reference to the blight and shipping containers the clients attorney said he will comply. Our Deputy will keep the status on this. In February there were ten traffic stops, four property damage crashes, eight criminal complaints, and nine non criminal complaints. In March there were seventeen traffic stops, one property damage crashes, ten criminal complaints, six non criminal complaints, one traffic complaint, and one drug seized-one gram of marijuana.

Zoning Administrator report:

Allyn Anthony is recovering from surgery and will be out from four to six weeks. The Supervisor would like to appoint Richard Hutchinson as an acting zoning administrator. Motion by Landis and 2nd by Fisher to remove him from the zoning board of appeals effective April 19, 2017. Motion Passed. Motion by Landis and 2nd by Fisher to appoint him as an acting zoning administrator with effective date of April 19, 2017. Motion Passed. Procedures to enforce our zoning violations was tabled until May meeting.

Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

Changes to our zoning ordinance text amendment where violations are punishable as a municipal civil infraction. The township planning commission has recommended this change and the county planning commission has concurred with the change and now the township board can vote on this change. Motion by Landis and 2nd by Fisher to approve the zoning ordinance amendment to make violation(s) thereof punishable as a municipal civil infraction; to specify civil sanctions for violation of the Zoning Ordinance. Roll call vote showed Landis, Fisher, Kays, and Davis all in favor of the motion. Fleischauer absent. Motion Passed.

Legal update:

Sister Lakes Playhouse property, a show cause hearing has been filed for in district court. Robert Fletcher property at 94337 Maple Street in Oak Park Subdivision, he has been asked to demo the structure and he has pulled a demo permit on March 29, 2017.

Sister Lakes Corridor Improvement Authority:

Supervisor reported that there is a vacancy on the CIA board and would like to appoint Mike Joyner who is the branch manager at the Chemical Bank in Sister Lakes to the CIA board. Motion by Landis and 2nd by Fisher to appoint Mike Joyner to the CIA board. Motion Passed.

Road Improvement Program for 2017-2018:

Estimated 5.59 miles of hot seal coat, gravel 3,000 yards, hot mix, boom mowing, and two dust control applications for a total cost of \$151,735. Motion by Davis 2nd by Landis to send in this estimate for the 2017-2018 road improvement program. Roll call vote showed Davis, Landis, Fisher and Kays all in favor of the motion. Fleischauer absent. Motion Passed.

Re-roof township hall:

Permit has been pulled by Caron Construction at a cost of \$16,785. Motion by Fisher and 2nd by Landis to approve the expense as long as Caron Construction has the insurance coverage for the workers doing the work. Roll call vote showed Fisher, Landis, Davis, and Kays all in favor of the motion. Fleischauer absent. Motion Passed.

Keeler Lake Weed District Public Hearing:

This was tabled until our May meeting so that the representative from Keeler Lake Association could give more information on this.

Sister Lake Area Utilities Authority:

The monthly maintenance fee(User Fee) was presented and a resolution was passed out. Supervisor would like the board members to review and look at this at the May meeting.

Appointments to Zoning Board of Appeals:

Ken Rahn up for renewal for a three year term. 2017-2020.

Motion by Davis and 2nd by Landis to appoint Ken Rahn to another three year term. Motion Passed.

Appointments to Planning Commission Board:

Carmen Fleischauer, Jonathan Lucker, & Don Blackmond are up for renewal for a three year term. 2017-2020.

Motion by Davis and 2nd by Landis to appoint Carmen Fleischauer, Jonathan Lucker & Don Blackmond to another three year term. Motion Passed.

Noxious Weed and Uncontrolled Plant Growth Ordinance:

Ordinance was adopted December 6, 2016 and Notice was publish on March 2, 2017 that all properties shall comply with this ordinance. Copies are available at the township hall.

Public comment:

General questions were answered from various residents.

Correspondence:

Clerk has received an email from the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission that they collect traffic counts on various locally controlled Federal Aid eligible roads in Berrien, Cass, & Van Buren, and wanted to know if we were interested in requesting traffic counts? Clerk passed out rules and regulations for the Keeler Township Cemetery for review and possible comment at next meeting.

Resolution to establish schedule of fees for our Cost Recovery Ordinance #3-28-2015 was passed out. Motion by Landis and 2nd by Fisher to approve the schedule of fees for the Cost Recovery Ordinance #3-28-2015. Roll call vote showed Landis, Fisher, Kays, and Davis all in favor. Fleischauer absent. Resolution Passed.

Clerk also reminded those in attendance that the May and July meetings have been changed to the second Tuesday of the month due to an election and the fourth of July holiday. List of

meeting dates are available at the township hall.

Motion to adjourn:

Motion by Landis and 2nd by Fisher to adjourn. Motion Passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Submitted,

Carl F. Davis, Clerk
Keeler Township
April 4, 2017