

Minutes of the regular meeting held on Tuesday, August 1, 2017.

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the Supervisor.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the last regular meeting of July 11, 2017 were reviewed and then with a consent Motion by Landis and supported by Fleischauer to adopt the minutes as presented. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's report was given by the Clerk in absence of the Treasurer. The balance in the general fund is \$223,390.18. The Treasurer's report will stand as read.

Motion to approve the bills:

Motion by Fleischauer and supported by Landis to pay all bills as audited. Motion Passed.

Guests:

Beth Griffin, our 66th State Representative was in attendance and reported on what has been going on in the State and what she has been doing the last nine months as our state representative. She was then open for questions.

Rick Boze, Van Buren County Road Commissioner, reported on county road commission activities. He reported that the project for Keeler from Territorial Rd and CR 687 going North to I-94 has been postponed until spring 2018 due to not getting the bids back in time to start the project in a timely manner. He was then open for questions.

Fire Department reports:

Sister Lakes Fire Department reported for the month of July, 2017 they had three (3) calls. One burn complaint, one EMS assist, and one power line down.

Keeler Township Fire & Rescue had sixteen (16) calls. Fifteen (15) first responder calls and one fire call. The fire chief reported training with an obstacle course in full turnout gear for the newer members and medical training for cardio and CPR re-certification. He also reported that Breanna Bogart, Jade Mellon, and Trevor Struble are starting medical first responder class tonight. The fire chief has received a letter of resignation from Alexis Kellogg and she has turned in all of her equipment. With that being reported there was a Motion by Landis and supported by Fleischauer to accept her resignation. Motion Passed.

Van Buren County Deputy Ray Hochsprung:

Miles driven-366, General Non-Criminal Complaints-four (4), Criminal Complaints-one (1), Ordinance Enforcement Complaints-three (3), Traffic Complaints-two (2), Property Damage Crashes-one (1), Traffic Stops-seven (7), Total Citations-four (4), Speeding Citations-one (1), Other Citations-three (3), Verbal Warnings-eight (8), Field Contacts-three (3), Assist to Other Law Enforcement Agencies/Fire/EMS-three (3), Assist to VBCSD-three (3), Motorist Assist-one (1), and False Alarm Activations-one (1).

Zoning Administrator report:

Allyn Anthony reported on portable signs that are in violation. He also wants the planning commission to look at setback footage for sign placement at their next meeting.

Legal Update:

Supervisor reported that the Sister Lakes Playhouse property demolition has been completed. Letters that were sent to:

John Faulkner-60476 Territorial Rd., Decatur, MI 49045, Unsafe structure, referred to township attorney for action. Faulkner has contacted our building inspector and will remove.

Madeline Batson-93947 Madison Ave., Benton Harbor, MI 49022, Unsafe structure, working on compliance, removing brush and tall grass.

Daniel McGinnis-92892 CR 690, Dowagiac, MI 49047, Zoning violation, semitrailer used as an accessory building. Citation has been issued.

Timothy Pitcher-68162 M-152 Hwy., Benton Harbor, MI 49022, Zoning violation, semitrailer used as an accessory building, Citation has been issued.

Tall grass complaints on six parcels and four have been resolved.

Sister Lakes Corridor Improvement Authority:

Clerk reported that there were 337 entries and everything went very smooth.

Roads:

Contract gravel will be applied August 3, 2017.

The second application of dust control will be applied after the contract gravel is applied.

Oak Street that is off of CR 690 in checking the Supervisor said this road has not been certified and the road commission will not maintain it. The Clerk and Supervisor both stated that the road has been maintained for the last thirty years by the road commission. Bill Kays is requesting that we get this road certified. Motion by Landis and supported by Fleischauer to have the Clerk send a letter to the Van Buren County Road Commission asking them to certify the road if possible. Motion Passed.

Public comment:

Dorothy Wright, Robin Gulliver, and Jennifer Mehlenbeck asked questions.

Correspondence:

Clerk presented a sheet with some line item amendments that the board needs to approve. Under "Revenue", add Miscellaneous Income for sale of Property and the cost related to the demolition.

New line items for Revenue-\$30,321.70 and Expense-\$30,321.70 which will be a wash.

Under "Expenses", Change Supervisor/Assessor Account #101-175-705 which was budgeted at \$15,900.00 and this needs to be amended to \$16,425.00.

Under Township Hall & Grounds Account #101-265-970 Capital Outlay-Develop Vacant Lots which was budgeted at \$3,000.00 and this needs to be amended to \$6,000.00.

Under Clerk Elections Account #101-192-970 Capital Outlay-Purchase of software, modem, etc. for new voting equipment. There was nothing budgeted as we didn't know when the items

would be let out for bid. Amend Budget to \$2,500.00 for equipment purchase.
Motion by Landis and supported by Fleischauer to amend the budget to allow for these revenues and expenses. Roll call vote showed Landis, Fleischauer, Kays, and Davis all in favor of the Motion. Fisher absent. Motion Passed.

Motion to adjourn:

Motion by Landis and supported by Fleischauer to adjourn. Motion Passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by,

Carl F. Davis, Clerk
Keeler Township
August 1, 2017