

Minutes of the regular meeting held on Tuesday, July 11, 2017.

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

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

Motion by Davis and 2nd by Fleischauer to select Tom Landis as chairperson from among the board members present. Motion Passed.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the last regular meeting of June 6, 2017 were reviewed and then with a consent Motion by Davis and 2nd by Fleischauer to adopt the minutes as presented. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's report was given showing a balance in the general fund of \$249,676.75. The Treasurer's report will stand as read.

Motion to approve the bills:

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

Guest:

Rick Boze, Van Buren County Road Commission who gave a report on the county activities.

Fire Department reports:

Sister Lakes Fire Department reported for the month of June, 2017, they had two calls in Keeler Township. One was a MVA and the other was a fire alarm.

Keeler Township Fire and Rescue had nine calls for the month of June, 2017. One was a MVA, Five medical first responder calls, One powerline down, One false alarm, and one storm cleanup.

Fire Chief was looking for approval to purchase shirts for the members. Motion by Davis and 2nd by Fleischauer to approve the purchase of shirts for \$898.00 so that each member would have a total of five shirts with one being a long sleeve shirt. Roll call vote showed Davis, Fleischauer, Landis, and Fisher all in favor of the motion. Kays absent. Motion Passed.

Pride Care report:

Pride Care had five priority one calls with an average response time of 2.45 minutes.

They had two priority two calls with an average response time of 6.01 minutes.

They had two priority three calls with an average response time of 6.41 minutes.

Van Buren County Deputy Ray Hochsprung report:

Miles driven 1,093, General Non-Criminal Complaints-nine (9), Criminal Complaints-nine (9), Ordinance Enforcement Complaints-two (2), Domestic Violence Complaints-one (1), Traffic Complaints-three (3), Property Damage Crashes-two (2), Traffic Stops-sixteen (16), Total Citations-eighteen (18), Speeding Citations-eight (8), Other Citations-two (2), Verbal Warnings-eleven (11), Misdemeanor Arrests-four (4), Felony Arrests-one (1), Field Contacts-thirteen (13),

Assist to Other Law Enforcement Agencies/Fire/EMS-nine (9), and Assist to VBCSD-five (5).

Zoning Administrator report:

Allyn Anthony reported that there will be a ZBA meeting on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Legal update:

Sister Lakes Playhouse property, the demolition has started.

John Faulkner-60476 Territorial Rd., Decatur, MI 49045, Unsafe structure-referred to Township Attorney for action. Faulkner has applied for a demolition permit.

Madeline Batson-93947 Madison Ave, Benton Harbor, MI 49022, No progress-File has been sent to Attorney for action.

Daniel McGinnis-92892 CR 690, Dowagiac, MI 490047, Zoning Violation-Semi trailer used as an accessory building. Township has been contacted by his attorney. No Progress.

Timothy Pitcher-68162 M-152 Hwy., Benton Harbor, MI 49022, Zoning Violation-Semi trailer used as an accessory building. No Response.

Elinor Hamang-66970 Lakeshore Dr., Dowagiac, MI 49047, Unsafe structure-Building has been demolished.

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

Sister Lake Corridor Improvement Authority report:

There are approximately 308 signed up for the triathlon. Volunteers needed, contact Tom Neary.

Township Roads:

Sealcoat program has been completed.

First application of dust control has been applied.

July Board of Review:

Assessor has set the date of Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

8:00 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING FOR BURNETTE FOODS INC. FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE (IFE), opened for discussion.

Public Hearing for Burnette Foods Inc. for Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (IFE)

Trustee Tom Landis asked Burnette Foods Inc. representative if they would give a project review.

Motion by Davis and 2nd by Fleischauer to open the public hearing at 8:05 p.m. Motion Passed.

He then asked for comments in favor of the IFE.

He then asked for comments against the IFE.

Trustee Tom Landis then asked if Burnette Foods Inc. had any additional comments.

Motion by Fleischauer and 2nd by Fisher to close the public hearing at 8:09 p.m. Motion Passed.

Trustee Tom Landis then asked the board for discussion and action on the application.

Resolution offered by Fisher and 2nd by FLeischauer to approve the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (IFE) for the abatement of twelve (12) years real property and twelve (12) personal property after completion. Roll call vote showed Fisher, Fleischauer, Davis, and Landis all in favor of the Resolution. Kays absent. Resolution Passed.

Assessor's contract up for renewal:

Clerk presented copies of the assessor's contract that is up for renewal on August 1, 2017.

There were some minor changes to Section 4, Service Fees.

Year one September, 2017 to August, 2018 the service fee agreed on is \$1,400.00 per month.

Year two September, 2018 to August, 2019 the service fee agreed on is \$1,450.00 per month.

Year three September, 2019 to August, 2020 the service fee agreed on is \$1,500.00 per month.

Motion by Davis and 2nd by Fleischauer to approve the assessor's contract renewal with service fee changes. Roll call vote showed Davis, Fleischauer, Fisher, and Landis all in favor of the motion. Kays absent. Motion Passed.

Public comment:

Dorothy Wright, Mark Pajakowski, & Robert Steinmetz asked questions.

Correspondence:

Clerk read a letter from the Van Buren/Cass County District Public Health Department, in reference to priority over building permits issued. Prior to the issuance of building permits for food service establishments, have your applicant contact the Van Buren/Cass County District Public Health Department to determine what plans and/or information will be required to maintain compliance with the Michigan Modified Food Code.

Motion to adjourn:

Motion by Fleischauer and 2nd by Davis to adjourn. Motion Passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Submitted by,

Carl F. Davis, Clerk
Keeler Township
July 11, 2017