

Minutes of the regular meeting held on Tuesday, June 6, 2017.

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

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

Minutes of the regular meeting of May 9, 2017 were reviewed and with a consent Motion by Landis and 2nd by Fleischauer to adopt the minutes as presented. Motion Passed.

Minutes of the special meeting of May 16, 2017 were reviewed and with a consent Motion by Fleischauer and 2nd by Landis to adopt the minutes as presented. Motion Passed.

Minutes of the special meeting of May 31, 2017 were reviewed and with a consent Motion by Fleischauer and 2nd by Davis to adopt the minutes as presented. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's report was given by the clerk showing a balance in the general fund of \$296,739.50. The Treasurer's report will stand as read.

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

Guests:

Eleanor "Nor" Serocki, CISMA Coordinator, from the Van Buren Conservation District gave a report on invasive species and what to look for. She was then open for questions.

Rick Boze, Van Buren County Road Commissioner reported that the road commission is now on the four day work week/ten hours a day. Work has started on seal coat for the township. Any complaints should be called in to the road commission.

Fire reports:

Sister Lake Fire Department had two calls in Keeler Township.

Keeler Township Fire & Rescue had twelve calls. Ten first responder calls and two fire calls.

Application for James Enochs was reviewed by the hiring committee and a recommendation to approve him as a probationary new member. Motion by Landis and 2nd by Davis to approve James Enochs as a new member of the Keeler Township Fire Department. Motion Passed.

Keeler Fire Chief reported that he received an offer for \$5,000.00 for the old SCBA equipment, he is waiting on a check before shipping the items to them.

Zachariah Poole did not pass his written exam for FF1 & FF2, he is going to Lansing later this week to retest.

Ambulance report:

Pride Care Ambulance reported the month of April, 2017 they had six priority one calls with an average response time of 6.53 minutes.

Pride Care Ambulance reported the month of May, 2017 they had six priority one calls with an average response time of 4.17 minutes.

Van Buren County Deputy ray Hochspring:

In May there were seven general non-criminal complaints, four criminal complaints, ten ordinance enforcement complaints, three domestic violence complaints, twenty-four traffic stops with two citations, two other citations, twenty-four verbal warnings, three field contacts, eight assists to other law enforcement agencies/fire,EMS, and one assist to VBCSO.

Zoning Administrator report:

Allyn Anthony is ready to come back to work. A Motion by Landis and 2nd by Fleischauer to remove Rich Hutchinson as the zoning administrator with an effective date of June 7, 2017. Motion Passed.

A Motion by Landis and 2nd by Davis to return Rich Hutchinson to the zoning board of appeals as an alternate with an effective date of June 7, 2017. Motion Passed.

Supervisor reported that the planning commission reviewed the request for the Keeler Township Zoning Map amendments: Proposals 1 & 2 (RR) Rural Residential to (R-1) Single Family Residential, and their recommendation was not to make the changes. This was sent to the Van Buren County Planning Commission for their review and at their May 24, 2017 meeting they reviewed the recent tentative Keeler Township Zoning Map Amendment: Proposal 1 & 2 (RR) Rural Residential to (R-1) Single Family Residential. On a Cedarquist/Peterson motion (unanimous) The VBCPC voted to Concur with the Keeler Township Planning commission vote to NOT recommend these zoning district adjustments. Several comments were made: 1. One member noted the understanding of development may increase tax base. 2. Another member noted that increased development density near inland lakes has negative impact on properties by harming the water quality. 3. Members felt the decision of the township planning commission should be considered as they are intended to work together.

The Supervisor asked the board members if they had any comments. A Motion by Davis and 2nd by Landis to NOT rezone the proposed map amendments. Roll call vote showed Davis, Landis, Fleischauer, and Kays all in favor of the Motion. Fisher absent. Motion Passed.

Legal updates:

1. The Sister Lakes Playhouse property at 92249 CR 690, Dowagiac, MI 49047, demolition bid was awarded and will start after an asbestos report is done.

2. Letter sent to: John Faulkner property at 60476 Territorial Rd, Decatur, MI 49045, unsafe structure with no response and do we want to refer to our township attorney?

Letter sent to: Madeline Batson, unsafe structure, working with our building inspector to clean up and repair.

Letter sent to Daniel McGinnis for property at 92892 CR 690, for zoning violation, a semi trailer used as an accessory building, township has been contacted by his attorney.

Letter sent to Timothy Pitcher for property at 68162 M-152 Hwy., for zoning violation, a semi trailer used as an accessory building, with no response and do we want to refer to our township attorney?

Letter send to Elinor Hamang for property at 66970 Lakeshore Dr, unsafe structure, agreed to demolition.

A Motion by Landis and 2nd by Davis to refer John Faulkner, Daniel McGinnis, & Timothy Pitcher to our township attorney for follow up. Motion Passed.

3. Tall grass complaints on four parcels-three on Big Crooked Lake, one at east end of Magician Lake, and one on M-152. Supervisor and Trustee will take a look at these.

4. Park lot at Magician Lake. This is dedicated to the public and we have had our attorney

review this and feel no change to our previous decision is needed.

Sister Lakes Corridor Improvement Authority:

Supervisor noted that the Sister Lakes Triathlon will be held on Saturday, July 15, 2017. All volunteer help is needed and welcomed.

Township roads:

The sealcoat program has started on June 6, 2017 and will conclude the same day.

Wildwood Drive will be sealcoated and the Patzer property of two feet of cement drive has been corrected and east two feet of road will be reclaimed.

First application of dust control has been applied.

Burnette Foods:

An I.F.E. request for a public hearing is needed. A Motion by Landis and 2nd by Fleischauer to hold a public hearing at our next meeting on July 11, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. Roll call vote showed Landis, Fleischauer, Kays, and Davis all in favor of the Motion. Fisher absent. Motion Passed.

Supervisor thought that we should refer this request to our attorney for proper hearing notice and resolution.

July Board of Review:

A meeting will be held on July 18, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. for any corrections to the tax roll.

Public comment:

A resident asked what can be done about the cats that are at Lakeshore Drive and Hamilton Street?

Referred the resident to the Van Buren County Animal Control.

Correspondence:

Clerk read a resolution concerning the SOS Grant Purchase Program from the County Clerk that we need to adopt. Resolution offered by Landis and 2nd by Fleischauer to adopt Resolution # 06-06-2017 that we approve the SOS Grant Purchase Program. Roll call vote showed Landis, Fleischauer, Kays, and Davis all in favor of the Resolution. Fisher absent. Resolution Passed.

Clerk read correspondence from the Michigan Townships Association asking the board to adopt the "Principles of Governance" which is our pledge to our township, our state, and our country. A Motion by Fleischauer and 2nd by Landis to adopt the "Principles of Governance". Motion Passed.

Clerk read a letter from the Round Lake Improvement Association asking that the following rules be approved. (see attached copy). Supervisor will check to see if we have the authority to do this.

Motion to adjourn:

Motion by Landis and 2nd by Fleischauer to adjourn. Motion Passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by,

Carl F. Davis, Clerk
Keeler Township
June 6, 2017