

Minutes of the regular meeting held on Tuesday, March 7, 2017.

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

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

Minutes of the regular meeting of February 7, 2017 were reviewed and with a consent Motion by Landis 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 \$266,425.73. The Treasurer's report will stand as read.

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

Guests:

Van Buren County District Court Judge Michael McKay. He spoke on the court system in Van Buren County. He also brought information on the county's proposal that will be on the May 2, 2017 election.

He was then open to questions.

Van Buren County Road Commission Rick Boze spoke on what the county road commission is doing and the activities that are taking place.

Fire Department reports:

Sister Lakes Fire Department had one (1) assist to Keeler Fire Department.

Keeler Township Fire and Rescue had nine (9) first responder calls and one (1) fire call. The Supervisor had received an amended MABAS agreement from the fire chief. After discussion there was a Motion by Landis and 2nd by Fisher to approve the amended MABAS agreement. Motion Passed.

Applications for fire membership were presented: An application from Richard Hutchinson to be a member of the fire department was presented. Motion by Davis and 2nd by Fleischauer to approve Richard Hutchinson as a member of the fire department. Motion Passed. An application from Javier Serratos to be a member of the fire department was presented. Motion by Davis and 2nd by Fisher to not approve him as a member of the fire department. Motion Passed.

Ambulance report:

Pride Care Ambulance report was not received yet, probably within the next few days.

Van Buren County Deputy Ray Hochsprung report:

None received as he is out on medical leave. He hopes to be back by March 15, 2017.

Zoning Administrator report:

Allyn Anthony reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals had their meeting on February 21, 2017, they approved the application for a variance, and the Planning Commission had their meeting on February 28, 2017, and they approved the zoning ordinance change so as to make violation(s) thereof punishable as a municipal civil infraction; to specify civil sanctions for

violation of the Zoning Ordinance; and to repeal all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith. This will be forwarded to the county planning commission for their review and then the township board will take this up at the April 4, 2017 meeting. Allyn Anthony also reported that the CAFO site plan was approved. The planning commission will be reviewing the rezoning request at the March 28, 2017 public hearing meeting.

The township representative, Carmen Fleischauer, who is on the planning commission would like to see the township board come up with steps that the zoning administrator would use when citing zoning violations.

Legal Update report:

The Supervisor reported that the Sister Lakes Playhouse property has a signed order to give the owner until March 30, 2017 to take care of this or else. The house on Maple Street is in the works and a ticket will be issued.

Sister Lakes Corridor Improvement Authority report:

Barb Fisher reported that there is one position available on the board.

Budget workshop report:

The Supervisor reported that we need to finalize the budget, set an annual meeting date and a special meeting date. A Motion by Fisher and 2nd by Fleischauer to set a workshop special meeting for Thursday, March 23, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. Motion Passed. A Motion by Davis and 2nd by Fleischauer to set the annual meeting date for Saturday, March 25, 2017 at 8:00 a.m., Motion Passed. A Motion by Landis and 2nd by Fisher to set a special meeting for Saturday, March 25, 2017 at 8:15 a.m. or at the conclusion of the annual meeting. Motion Passed.

Sister Lakes Area Utilities Authority report:

Supervisor reported that the sewer authority is considering raising the monthly maintenance rate. He asked that a member of the board go with him to meet with Silver Creek Township to discuss this. Carl Davis said he would be available with the supervisor to meet with Silver Creek Township to discuss this.

Public comment:

Jennifer Mehlenbeck asked what was being done to the property on the east side of the township. All of her questions were answered.

Marlin Caldwell is requesting that the salt brine not be used on 59th Street and 88th Avenue and on 84th Avenue and 68th Street. After discussion, there was a Motion by Landis and 2nd by Fisher to do the same as last year in regards to applying the salt brine on those road areas. Motion Passed.

Correspondence:

Clerk read a resolution to not raise the salaries for the township officials this year. Resolution offered by Davis and 2nd by Landis to approve the resolution 03-07-2017 to not raise the salaries for the township officials for the next fiscal year. Resolution Passed.

Clerk read a resolution with concerns regarding potential groundwater contamination. Resolution offered by Davis and 2nd by Landis to approve the resolution 03-07-2017-01 with concerns regarding potential groundwater contamination. Resolution Passed.

Motion to adjourn:

Motion by Fleischauer and 2nd by Landis to adjourn. Motion Passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Submitted by,

Carl F. Davis, Clerk
Keeler Township
March 7, 2017