

Minutes of the regular meeting held on Tuesday, May 9, 2017.

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

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

Minutes of the regular meeting of April 4, 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 by the clerk showing a balance in the general fund of \$303,673.21. The Treasurer's report will stand as read.

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

Guests:

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

Fire reports:

Sister Lakes Fire Department had five calls in Keeler Township. One standby for KTFR, One assist to KTFR disregard, One tire fire, One fire alarm, and One assist to Pride Care.

Keeler Township Fire & Rescue had 16 calls. Eleven first responder calls, and five fire calls of which one was to assist Lawrence fire department, two false alarms, and two illegal burns which was one on Territorial road and the other on 84th avenue. Application for James Enochs was turned in to the hiring committee with no action reported to date. Fire chief submitted an offer to purchase Scott SCBA's from Bangor Fire Department. This item was tabled to a special meeting. Motion by Fleischauer and 2nd by Landis to hold a special meeting on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss this. Motion Passed.

Fire Chief reported that the equipment was turned in to our deputy, Ray Hochsprung, from former employee Nick Quinn, except the placard that goes on the helmet.

Supervisor said discussion with the Keeler Fire Chief that we need to terminate the "dual dispatch" agreement with the Sister Lakes Fire Department. Motion by Landis and 2nd by Fleischauer to terminate the 'dual dispatch' that we had with the Sister Lakes Fire Department with an effective date of May 9, 2017. Motion Passed.

Ambulance report:

Pride Care Ambulance reported for month of March, 2017 they had four priority one calls with an average response time of 5.56 minutes.

Van Buren County Deputy Ray Hochsprung:

In April there were twelve general non-criminal complaints, seven criminal complaints, one traffic complaint, seven ordinance enforcement complaints, one property damage traffic crash, one domestic violence complaint, twenty-seven traffic stops, eight citations, two misdemeanor citations, two other citations, three speeding citations, one seat belt citation, twenty-five verbal

warnings, one felony arrest, two misdemeanor arrests, nine field contacts, two motorist assists, seven assists to other law enforcement agencies/fire/EMS, and seven assists to VBCSO.

Zoning Administrator report:

Allyn Anthony is progressing very well and hopes to be back on schedule in June. Richard Hutchinson was appointed interim zoning administrator to fill in and is at the township hall on Wednesday's from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Legal update:

1. The Sister Lakes Playhouse property at 92249 CR 690 is in final stages. Carmen Fleischauer would like to recuse herself from any discussion or voting on this subject. Motion by Landis and 2nd by Davis to approve Carmen Fleischauer request to recuse herself from this subject matter. Motion Passed. Supervisor thought we should advertise for a bid for demolition of this property. Motion by Davis and 2nd by Landis to publish a bid notice in the paper and accept bids until May 31, 2017 and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to award the bid in the best interest of the township. Motion Passed.

2. Robert Fletcher property at 94337 Maple Street that the demolition is complete except a small shed that still needs to be removed.

3. Letters sent on May 5, 2017 to:

John Faulkner for property at 60476 Territorial Rd as an unsafe structure need response within 14 days.

Madeline Batson for property at 93947 Madison Ave as an unsafe structure need response within 14 days.

Daniel Mcginnis for property at 92892 CR 690 for zoning violation of semi trailer used as accessory building need response within 14 days

Timothy Pitcher for property at 68162 M-152 Hwy for zoning violation of semi trailer used as accessory building need response within 14 days.

Elinor Hamang for property at 66970 Lakeshore Dr for zoning violation as an unsafe structure need response within 14 days.

Sister Lakes Corridor Improvement Authority:

An appointment was made last month to the CIA board but we found that we have a full board and no resignations took place so we need to rescind the appointment of Mike Joyner to the CIA board. Motion by Davis and 2nd by Landis to rescind the appointment of Mike Joyner to the CIA board. Motion Passed.

Roads:

Sealcoat program will start after June 15, 2017 in Keeler Township.

Wildwood Drive is on schedule for sealcoat and the property owner Larry & Teresa Patzer property at 95051 Wildwood Dr needs to have the two feet of cement removed and asphalt placed in that area so that the sealcoat can be done

First application of dust control is scheduled before Memorial Day.

3,000 tons of gravel will be spread on roads before the second dust control application.

Easement to maintain the drain to Round Lake is scheduled for review by the Van Buren County Road Commission.

Road Commission will replace road signs that were removed around Keeler Lake, they are 62nd & Territorial Rd, Apple Orchard & Territorial Rd, and Apple Orchard and Cherry Lane.

Sister Lakes Area Utilities Authority:

Monthly sewer user fees was in discussion and the Supervisor and Clerk met with the Silver Creek Township Supervisor and Treasurer to continue discussion on this. A Resolution offered by Davis and 2nd by Landis to increase the monthly sewer user fees to \$35.00 per month starting on July 1, 2017. Roll call vote showed Davis, Landis, Kays, and Fleischauer all in favor of the Resolution #05-090-2017-01, Fisher absent. Resolution #05-09-2017-01 Passed. Sewer extension in the works for the Magician Lake area.

Update the Township Five Year Recreation Plan:

Supervisor said we need to update the recreation plan in order to apply for any grants. After discussion, a Motion was offered by Davis and 2nd by Landis to approve the plan agreement from Wightman & Associates, Inc. to update our five year recreation plan with \$2,500.00 to be paid by the township and \$2,500.00 to be paid by the Corridor Improvement Authority. Roll call vote showed Davis, Landis, Fleischauer, and Kays all in favor of the motion, Fisher absent. Motion Passed.

Revised equipment cost and fees for Hazardous Materials Cost Recovery Ordinance and Keeler Township Fire and Emergency Services Fee Ordinance:

After discussion a Resolution was offered by Landis and 2nd by Fleischauer to adopt the fee schedule for the Hazardous Materials Cost Recovery Ordinance and the Keeler Township Fire and Emergency Services Fee Ordinance as listed. Roll call vote showed Landis, Fleischauer, Kays, and Davis all in favor of resolution, Fisher absent. Motion Passed. This will be known as Resolution #05-09-2017-03.

Public comment: None.

Correspondence:

Clerk received letter request from the Sister Lakes Lions Club to host a fireworks display on Saturday, July 1, 2017 with a rain date of Sunday, July 2, 2017. Motion by Landis and 2nd by Fleischauer to approve the fireworks display for the Sister Lakes Lions Club. Motion Passed. Motion offered by Fleischauer and 2nd by Landis to donate \$300.00 to the Sister Lakes Lions Club for the fireworks display. Motion Passed.

Clerk submitted a request to update the International Property Maintenance to the 2015 Code. Motion by Davis and 2nd by Landis to approve the updated version of the 2015 International Property Maintenance Code. Roll call vote showed Davis, Landis, Fleischauer, and Kays all in favor of the Motion, Fisher absent. Motion Passed. This shall be known as Ordinance #05-09-2017-02.

Clerk had submitted "Rules for the Keeler Township Cemetery" last month for review. A meeting with resident Don Blackmond and Clerk Carl Davis, we made some minor changes and offered them to the Township Board. Motion by Fleischauer and 2nd by Landis to approve the "Rules for the Keeler Township Cemetery". Roll call vote showed Fleischauer, Landis, Kays, and

Davis all in favor of the motion, Fisher absent. Motion Passed.
Clerk announced that there will be a Memorial Day Parade in Keeler on Monday, May 29, 2017 at 12:00 noon.

Motion to adjourn:
Motion by Landis and 2nd by FLeischauer to adjourn. Motion Passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Submitted by,

Carl F. Davis, Clerk
Keeler Township
May 9, 2017

Minutes of the special meeting held on Tuesday, May 16, 2017.

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

Guest: Marlin Caldwell, Janet Caldwell-Rhoton, Dan Beneke, & Donald Bogart.

Items on the agenda to be discussed.

1. 2017 dust control application on township roads.
2. Review of Fire Department budget.

Supervisor opened the special meeting at 5:00 p.m.

First item on the agenda was to discuss the dust control application on the township roads. Supervisor indicated that not all of the people signed the request submitted by Marlin Caldwell to not spray on the 59th Street and 88th Street, and that may make a revision necessary to the dust control application. Dan Beneke and Trevir Kuehl both indicated that they want the dust control applied in front of their properties.

After discussion and comments from the residents present the board needs to consider a revision to the first application that will be applied in the very near future on the township roads. Supervisor suggested that in front of both Dan Beneke's property at 86039 59th Street and in front of Trevir Kuehl's property at 86799 59th Street that we do a spot treatment application if he can get this approved.

Motion by Fleischauer and 2nd by Landis that the township do a spot treatment application in front of the two named property owners who want this done. Roll call voted showed Fleischauer, Landis, Kays, and Davis all in favor of the motion. Fisher absent. Motion Passed.

Second item on the agenda was to discuss and review the fire department budget. Donald Bogart, Fire Chief had a proposal from the Bangor Fire Department to purchase SCBA equipment as listed:

14 - 2009-2010 Scott 2.2 SCBA packs
10 - 2015 carbon fiber 2216 psi bottles
10 - 2004 carbon fiber 2216 psi bottles
10 - 2003 carbon fiber 2216 psi bottles
23 - Scott Masks
23 Voice Amplifiers
1 Complete RIT pack

If purchased on the market these items would cost approximately \$34,015.00

Bangor Fire Department has replaced all their equipment and does not need these. Chief Bogart said that would bring all our packs to a newer date and in compliance. He did say that we could try to sell the packs we have to offset some of the cost. All the packs that KTRF have are from 1997 to 1999 and none are able to be used with a RIT bag or buddy breath. Also the majority are heavy aluminum bottles.

The grant that the county association will be applying for is not a guarantee.

After discussion and questions put to the fire chief there was a motion put forth.

Motion by Landis and 2nd by Fleischauer to purchase the proposed package that Bangor Fire Department has and is asking \$15,000.00. Roll call vote showed Landis, Fleischauer, Kays, and Davis all in favor the motion. Fisher absent. Motion Passed.

Motion by Landis and 2nd by Fleischauer to amend the fire department budget #101-340-971 Capital Outlay Equipment Replacement from \$7,500.00 to \$15,000.00. Roll call vote showed Landis, Fleischauer, Kays, and Davis all in favor of the motion. Fisher absent. Motion Passed.

Motion by Kays and 2nd by Fleischauer to sell all the 340-9 SCBA packs that are on the trucks. Roll call vote showed Kays, Fleischauer, Landis, and Davis all in favor of the motion. Fisher absent. Motion Passed.

Motion by Landis and 2nd by Fleischauer that we terminate the "dual dispatch" agreement that we had with the Sister Lakes Fire Department, due to the lack of help that Keeler Fire Department had and the Keeler Fire Chief said he has sufficient manpower to handle the calls. The effective date will be as of May 9, 2017. Motion Passed.

No other items on the agenda the Supervisor asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Landis and 2nd by Fleischauer to adjourn. Motion Passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

Carl F. Davis, Clerk
Keeler Township
May 16, 2017

Minutes of the special meeting held on Wednesday, May 31, 2017.

Members present: Bill Kays, Carl Davis, & Carmen Fleischauer. Landis and Fisher absent.

Guest: None.

Items on the agenda to be discussed.

1. Open bids for Grace Hendrickson property located at 92249 CR 690, Dowagiac, MI 49047.

Supervisor opened the special meeting at 1:05 p.m.

Motion by Davis and 2nd by Kays to recuse Carmen Fleischauer from discussion and voting on the topic of the special meeting due to a conflict of interest, that being the company that she works for, Cressy And Everett has the property listed and she felt it would not be proper for her to discuss or vote on this item. Motion Passed.

Item one on the agenda was the opening of the bids for the demolition of the buildings on the property of Grace Hendrickson, located at 92249 CR 690, Dowagiac, MI 49047.

Bid #1 Deerpath Excavating-Eau Claire, \$32,310.00

Bid #2 Cross Excavating-Dowagiac, \$33,502.00

Bid #3 Pelley Excavating-Niles, \$56,715.00

Bid #4 Merrill Excavating-Dowagiac, \$28,600.00

Motion by Davis and 2nd by Kays to award the demolition bid to the lowest bidder, Merrill Excavating for the bid price of \$28,600.00 in the best interest of Keeler Township, pending receiving his copy of insurance to be mailed to the Clerk. In the event the lowest bidder cannot do the work, in the best interest of Keeler Township we will award the bid to the second lowest bidder, Deerpath Excavating for \$32,310.00. If after an asbestos inspection is needed the township will pay that bill. Excavating work will start within two weeks after an inspection and be completed within thirty (30) days. Roll call vote showed Davis, & Kays in favor of the motion, with Fleischauer abstaining. Landis and Fisher absent. Motion Passed.

Supervisor asked for any public comment. None being heard a motion was in order to adjourn.

Motion by Davis and 2nd by Fleischauer to adjourn. Motion Passed. Meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

*Clerk will check for an inspector that is State certified to inspect the property for asbestos. He had the name of Villa Environmental Consultants, Inc., at 408 W. Main Street, Benton Harbor, MI 49022 and will give him a call. Their phone number is 269-927-2434.

Submitted by,

Carl F. Davis, Clerk
Keeler Township
May 31, 2017

