

Minutes of the regular meeting held on Tuesday, November 1, 2016.

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

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

Minutes of the regular meeting of October 4, 2016 were reviewed and then 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 \$162,884.07. The Treasurer's report will stand as read.

Motion to approve the bills:

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

Guests:

Brandi Prim of Senior Services of Van Buren County, was present to remind citizens of the Senior Services millage proposal that will be on the ballot, she was then open for questions.

Rick Boze, Van Buren County Road Commissioner said that the road work was just about complete on the CR 687 project.

Fire Department reports:

Sister Lakes Fire Department reported for the month of October there were four (4) calls outside the Township area and zero (0) calls within Keeler Township.

Keeler Township Fire & Rescue had ten calls. Six (6) first responder calls and four (4) fire related calls.

Interim Fire Chief Don Bogart reported that the FIT testing and air packs were performed this month.

The only need at the present time is to purchase fire prevention supplies which would be around \$500.00 and the front door hinge is broken and needs repair of which he has received a bid estimate of \$400.00 to fix, both of these are within the budget.

Pride Care report:

Not received yet, should be available after the fifth day of the month.

Van Buren County Deputy Ray Hochsprung report:

Miles driven-715, General Non Criminal Complaints-three (3), Criminal Complaints-three (3), Domestic Violence complaints-One (1), Traffic Complaints-two (2), Property Damage Crashes-one (1), Traffic Stops-twenty-eight (28), Misdemeanor Citations-two (2), Speeding Citations-three (3), Child Restraint Citations-one (1), Defective Equipment Citations-one (1), Other Citations-one (1), Verbal Warnings-twenty-eight (28), Felony Arrests-two (2), Misdemeanor Arrests-three (3), Controlled Substances Seized-five grams of marijuana, Field Contacts-four (4), Property Checks-thirty-five (35), and Motorist Assists-one (1).

Zoning Administrator report:

Allyn Anthony reported that the ZBA will meet on November 15, 2016. Township Board asked the Planning Commission to look at the rezoning again.

Supervisor said it was 8:00 p.m. and time for the public hearing for Keeler Lake Weed District #3 and Round Lake Weed District to confirm the roll and the amounts.

Supervisor opened the public hearing at 8:00 p.m. and gave a brief summary of the Keeler Lake Weed District #3 proposal to confirm the roll. Supervisor then asked for public comments. Supervisor then asked if there was anyone against the weed district special assessment, none being heard he then asked if there was anyone in favor of the weed district special assessment, one person spoke and stated his reasons. Supervisor then closed the public comments at 8:04 p.m. Supervisor then asked for township board members for comments, none received. Supervisor then asked for township board action. Motion by Fisher and 2nd by Landis that Resolution #11-01-2016-01 to confirm the roll for the Keeler Lake Weed District #3 Special Assessment be approved. Roll call vote showed Fisher, Landis, Kays, Fleischauer, and Davis all were in favor of the resolution. Motion/Resolution passed.

Supervisor opened the public hearing at 8:05 p.m. and gave a brief summary of the Round Lake Weed District Special Assessment. Supervisor then asked for public comments. Supervisor then asked if there was anyone against the weed district special assessment, none being heard he then asked if there was anyone in favor of the weed district special assessment, one person spoke and stated his reasons. Supervisor then closed the public comments at 8:12 p.m. Supervisor then asked for township board members for comments, none received. Supervisor then asked for township board action. Motion by Landis and 2nd by Fleischauer that Resolution #11-01-2016-02 to confirm the roll for the Round Lake Weed District Special Assessment be approved. Roll call vote showed Landis, Fleischauer, Fisher, Kays, and Davis all were in favor of the resolution. Motion/Resolution passed.

Supervisor presented information on the property to the east side of the township hall, 64071 Territorial Rd. W. Hartford, MI 49057 and opened for comments as to whether the township wanted to make an offer again.

At this time a Motion was offered by Landis and 2nd by Fisher to have Carmen Fleischauer abstain from comment or voting on the subject of the property to the east side of the township hall. Motion Passed. Discussion opened on the property which there are five parcels, the numbers being #80-12-021-024-30, #80-12-040-018-00, #80-12-040-040-00, #80-12-040-041-00, & #80-12-040-043-00 with a taxable value of \$17,031.

Motion by Landis and 2nd by Fisher to offer \$15,000.00 plus closing costs to the owner. Roll call vote showed Landis, Fisher, Kays, & Davis all in favor of the motion. Fleischauer abstaining. Motion Passed.

Legal update:

The former Bronte Winery property has been purchased at auction and is being cleaned up.

The property owned by John Faulkner, has obtained a demolition permit for the fertilizer plant north of Keeler.

The owner of the Keeler Keg property has agreed to mow the weeds on the lots.

A letter has been sent to Grace Hendrickson to demo the old playhouse with a deadline of 11-25-2016.

Ordinance to designate violations as a municipal civil infraction has been received for review. This Ordinance is to designate violations of the State Construction Code and the various nationally recognized codes adopted pursuant thereto as adopted and enforced by Keeler Township as municipal civil infractions.

A Motion was offered by Davis and 2nd by Landis to approve and adopt Ordinance #11-01-2016 which is an Ordinance to designate violations of the State Construction Code and the various nationally recognized codes adopted pursuant thereto as adopted and enforced by Keeler Township, Van Buren County, Michigan as municipal civil infractions; to provide sanctions for violation(s) thereof; and to repeal all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith. Roll call vote showed Davis, Landis, Fisher, Fleischauer, and Kays all in favor of the Motion. Motion Passed. Ordinance #11-01-2016 will be effective on December 2, 2016, copies available at the Township Hall.

Sister Lakes Corridor Improvement Authority:
They will be holding a meeting in the near future.

Public Comment:

A citizen asked that we please be aware that when we are conducting business before the township board that talking among the citizens needs to be reduced so that those who want to hear what is taking place can do so without the background noise.

Correspondence:

Clerk presented the Van Buren County Sheriff's Department contract for the next year. The amount came in at \$86,502. which will be covered by the millage that we have for police protection.

Motion by Davis and 2nd by Landis to approve the contract with the Van Buren County Sheriff's Department. Roll call vote showed Davis, Landis, Fisher, Fleischauer, and Kays all in favor of the motion. Motion Passed.

Motion to adjourn:

Motion by Landis and 2nd by Fleischauer to adjourn. Motion Passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Submitted by,

Carl F. Davis, Clerk
Keeler Township
November 1, 2016