

Minutes of the regular meeting held on Tuesday, October 4, 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 September 6, 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 \$186,110.49. 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.

Guests:

Kenley Penter from Plante & Moran, gave a brief report on the audit of Keeler Township ending March 31, 2016. He indicated that the Township was in good financial condition and appreciated the help that his firm had received from both the Clerk and Treasurer.

Mike McKay, Candidate for 7th District Court Judge gave a brief statement on himself and what it takes to become a district court judge. At his conclusion he was open for questions.

Aaron Mitchell, Candidate for Van Buren County Clerk gave a brief statement on himself and what he sees as improvements to the county clerk office. At his conclusion he was open for questions.

Jennifer Carver, Member of Senior Services of Van Buren County gave a brief statement of what services they can offer and if the millage gets approved they will offer lunch once a week at the Keeler General Baptist Church. At her conclusion she was open for questions.

Rick Boze, Van Buren County Road Commissioner said that the road crew is back on a five day work schedule and that the project on CR 687 should be completed by November 15, 2016.

Fire Department reports:

Sister Lakes Fire Department reported for month of August there were four (4) calls in Keeler Township, one burn complaint, one tree down in road, one wires down, and one smoke in garage call, for month of September there were four calls in Keeler Township, one car accident, one lift assist to Pride Care, one wires down, and one burn complaint.

Keeler Township Fire & Rescue had eleven (11) calls. Six (6) first responder calls and five (5) fire calls. Tom Landis reported that the application from Alysha Bogart was reviewed for probationary status membership to the Keeler Fire Department. Motion by Landis and 2nd by Fleischauer to approve Alysha Bogart for probationary status membership to the Keeler Fire Department. Motion Passed. The Fire Chief reported that Lexi Kellogg, Jesse Bare and Travis Potter, members, will be going to bus extrication training on October 16, 2016. Zachariah Poole will be starting his FF1 & FF2 class this week, and Breanna Bogart, Lexi Kellogg and Jade Mellon will start a MFR class that goes from October 25th to December 20th. The Fire Chief said that he has extra 5" hose sections and he has a request from Hartford City to purchase these. Supervisor indicated that we should wait to see what our current hose testing results are before we do anything. All members were in agreement.

Pride Care report:

Pride Care had six (6) priority one calls for the month of September, 2016 will an average response time of 5:46 minutes.

Van Buren County Deputy Ray Hochsprung report:

Miles driven-895, General Non Criminal Complaints-eight (8), Criminal Complaints-twelve (12), Domestic Violence Complaints-one (1), Blight/Code/Ordinance Violations-eleven (11), Traffic Complaints-one (1), Property Damage Crashes-one (1), Assists to VBCSO-twelve (12), Assist to Other Police/Fire/EMS-seven (7), Motorist Assist-two (2), Traffic Stops-fifteen (15), Verbal Warnings-sixteen (16), Civil Infractions Citations-two (2), Misdemeanor Citations-one (1), Misdemeanor Arrests-one (1), Felony Arrests-one (1), FOC Warrant Arrest-one (1) Property Checks-fifty-eight (58), and SOR Verifications-four (4).

The deputy is working on ordinance violations letters and blight property maintenance ordinance violation letters.

Zoning Administrator report:

Allyn Anthony reported that he has two ZBA applications and asked that the rezoning request be sent to the planning commission again. Motion by Davis and 2nd by Landis to reaffirm our motion to the planning commission to review the rezoning request. That motion was to have the planning commission look at the whole area all the way from Clark Smith's property to 62nd Street and direct the planning commission to consider changing the property from rural residential to single family residential R-1 or Lakeshore residential. Motion Passed.

In reference to Governor Snyder signing the Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act, Public Act 281 of 2016. The relevant portion of the Act to municipalities (defined as cities, townships, and villages in the Act) is Section 205. Marijuana facilities may not operate in a municipality unless the municipality has adopted an ordinance (zoning or otherwise) that authorizes that type of facility. After brief discussion, if your Township does not want to allow any medical marijuana facilities, your Township does not have to. In that case, your Township would simply do nothing. It was the consensus of the Township Board that we "do nothing".

Round Lake and Keeler Lake Weed District Hearing report:

Supervisor presented information on Keeler Lake Weed District #3 and to increase the 2015 special assessment by 10% that would bring the total to \$15,083.95 with a proposed special assessment of up to \$169.17 per lake front parcel, \$253.76 multiple lake front parcels, \$84.59 per vacant lake front parcel, \$39.08 per back lot parcel, \$58.63 for multiple back lot parcels, and \$19.55 per vacant back lot parcel. For further information you are invited to examine the roll. Motion by Landis and 2nd by Fleischauer to hold a public hearing on November 1, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. Roll call vote showed Landis, Fleischauer, Fisher, Kays, and Davis all in favor of the motion. Motion Passed. This will be known as Resolution #10-04-2016-01.

Supervisor presented information on Round Lake Weed District for a total special assessment of \$17,299.69, with a proposed special assessment of up to \$113.07 per lake front parcel. Motion by Davis and 2nd by Fisher to hold a public hearing on November 1, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. Roll call vote showed Davis, Fisher, Kays, Fleischauer, and Landis all in favor of the motion. Motion Passed. This will be known as Resolution #10-04-2016-02.

Legal Update report:

In reference to property at 64606 80th Avenue, under ownership of Rose Acceptance Corp. the property has been condemned by the building inspector and no permit has been issued for demolition or repair. Supervisor suggest that we have our attorney move forward on this. Motion by Landis and 2nd by Davis to have our attorney move forward on this and issue a letter. Motion Passed.

In reference to property at 94337 Maple Street, Oak Park, we need a motion to move forward on this. Motion by Davis and 2nd by Landis to have our attorney move forward on this. Motion Passed.

In reference to the house at 64098 84th Avenue, the grass has been mowed.
The owner of the property at 64071 Territorial LLC there has been no response.
The owner of the property at the corner of Territorial Rd. and Second Street owned by Kenton McAndrew there has been no response.
The owner of the property on CR 687, John Falkner III LLC, there have been no permits for repair or demolition.
A Motion was offered by Landis and 2nd by Fisher to have our attorney send a letter to the owners.
Motion Passed.

Sister Lakes Corridor Improvement Authority report:
Barb Fisher said that they are near budget just waiting for some last revenues for sponsors to come in.

Township Hall renovations:

1. The carpet and tile have been completed.
2. The phone system has been completed.
3. The re-roof is still pending. (May have to wait until next year).

Public comment:
None

Correspondence:

Clerk has received an application for a PA116 Farmland And Open Space Preservation Program from Jimmy and Lisa Kolberg. After discussion a Motion by Landis and 2nd by Davis to approve the application and forward on to the County Planning Commission and the Conservation District for their review. Motion Passed.

Clerk received a letter from the Department of Licensing And Regulatory Affairs notifying the local legislative body that the Michigan Liquor Control Commission has received an application for a license as follows: Request ID# 855621, New SDM License, Name of applicant(s): Dolgencorp, LLC, Business address: 67633 M-152 Hwy, Dowagiac, MI 49047

Under administrative rule R 436.1105, the Commission shall consider the opinions of the local residents, local legislative body, or local law enforcement agency with regard to the proposed business when determining whether an applicant may be issued a license or permit. The Michigan Liquor Control Code does not require the approval of this request by the local unit of government. Motion by Landis and 2nd by Davis that the Township Board does not have any objections to this request. Motion Passed.

Motion to adjourn:

Motion by Landis and 2nd by Fleischauer to adjourn. Motion Passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Submitted by,

Carl F. Davis, Clerk
Keeler Township
October 4, 2016