

Minutes of the regular meeting held on Tuesday, September 5, 2017.

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 last regular meeting of August 1, 2017 were reviewed and then with a consent Motion by Landis and supported by Fleischauer to adopt the minutes as presented. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's report was given by showing a balance in the general fund of \$234,530.47. The Treasurer's report will stand as read.

Motion to approve the bills:

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

Guests:

Rick Boze, Van Buren County Road Commissioner, reported on County Road Commission activities. He was then open for questions.

Fire Department reports:

Sister Lakes Fire Department reported for the month of August, 2017 they had two (2) calls. One burn complaint and one MVA.

Keeler Township Fire & Rescue had twelve (12) calls. Eleven first responder calls and one fire call.

Fire Chief is asking to send three members, Alysha Bogart, Trevor Struble, and James Enochs to FF1 & FF2 class that will start in October, 2017. Funds in training account has only \$755.00 left and the class will cost \$1,500.00 to send three members. Motion by Davis and supported by Landis to amend the fire department training account #101-340-864 from \$2,000.00 to \$3,000.00 to cover the training expense class. Roll call vote showed Davis, Landis, Fisher, Fleischauer, and Kays all in favor of the motion. Motion Passed.

Pride Care Ambulance report:

Pride Care Ambulance had eight (8) priority one calls in July, 2017 with an average response time of 5:36 minutes. There was five (5) priority two calls in July, 2017 with an average response time of 4:48 minutes. There was one (1) priority one calls in July, 2017 with average response time of 9:08 minutes.

Van Buren County Deputy Ray Hochsprung report:

Miles driven-1044, General Non-Criminal Complaints-ten (10), Criminal Complaints-ten (10), Ordinance Enforcement Complaints-three (3), Traffic Complaints-one (1), Domestic Violence Complaints-one (1), Traffic Stops-eight (8), Total Citations-five (5), Verbal Warnings-four (4), Field Contacts-seven (7), Assist to Other Law Enforcement Agencies/Fire/EMS-seven (7), Assist to VBCSD-thirteen (13), Motorist Assist-one (1), False Alarm Activations-six (6), Felony

Arrest-one (1), Misdemeanor Arrests-three (3), Arrest Warrants Obtained-one (1), and Illegal Drugs Seized-one (1).

Zoning Administrator report:

Allyn Anthony reported that he would like the planning commission to review an area not covered in the zoning book-solar farm energy, and to review the ordinance Chapter 16 on signs Section 16.04 thru 16.11 and make recommendations for change.

Legal Update:

1. John Faulkner-60476 Territorial Rd., Decatur, MI 49045, has removed the unsafe structure, the demolition is complete.
2. Madeline Batson, 93947 Madison Ave., Benton Harbor, MI 49022, Unsafe structure, working on compliance, has been issued a maintenance permit.
3. Daniel McGinnis-92892 CR 690, Dowagiac, MI 49047, Zoning violation, semitrailer used as an accessory building, waiting on court order deadline to have it removed.
4. Timothy Pitcher-68162 M-152 Hwy., Benton Harbor, MI 49022, has removed the semitrailer from property.

Recreation Plan:

Supervisor reported that the recreation plan will be reviewed and updated with the help from Wightman & Associates and the expense will be shared by the Corridor Improvement Authority and the Township.

Roads:

1. Contract gravel has been applied.
2. Second application of dust control has been completed.

Oak Street report:

Clerk sent a letter to the Van Buren County Road Commission requesting that Oak Street off of CR 690 be certified. Gordon Hover will need to do some research to see if there is public right of way and will need to create a turn-around if there is not one and this may require the acquisition of additional right of way. This will not happen quickly. Suggest if the Township desires that Oak Street be maintained by the Road Commission this winter it may be best to request that the work be programmed through a signed sheet.

Planning Commission:

Supervisor has received notice that David Rawson is resigning from the Planning Commission as he is moving to St Joseph. Motion by Landis and supported by Fleischauer to accept his resignation. Motion Passed. Supervisor would like to appoint Jake Meachum to finish out his term. Motion by Landis and supported by Fisher to appoint Jake Meachum to the Planning Commission. Motion Passed.

Sister Lakes Brewing Company:

Jerry Moran is requesting local government approval for a MLCC Small Distillers License at his location, 92500 CR 690, Dowagiac, MI 49047. Resolution #09-05-2017-01 offered by Landis and supported by Fleischauer to recommend approval of the MLCC Small Distillers License for the Sister Lakes Brewing Company. Roll call vote showed Landis, Fleischauer, Kays, Fisher, and Davis all in favor of the Resolution. Resolution #09-05-2017-01 Passed.

October Meeting Date:

Supervisor is asking that the board members consider changing the regular monthly meeting date from October 3, 2017 to October 10, 2017. Motion by Fleischauer and supported by Landis to change the regular monthly meeting date from October 3, 2017 to October 10, 2017 and be held at 7:30 p.m. Motion Passed.

2017 Tax Request L-4029 report:

Township Operating Millage 0.6935 Motion by Fleischauer and supported by Landis to approve. Roll call vote showed Fleischauer, Landis, Fisher, Kays, and Davis all in favor of the motion. Motion Passed.

Township Road Millage 0.9821 Motion by Fleischauer and supported by Landis to approve. Roll call vote showed Fleischauer, Landis, Kays, Fisher, and Davis all in favor of the motion. Motion Passed.

Township Police Millage 0.7366 Motion by Fleischauer and supported by Landis to approve. Roll call vote showed Fleischauer, Landis, Davis, Fisher and Kays all in favor of the motion. Motion Passed.

Township Fire Millage 0.9874 Motion by Fleischauer and supported by Landis to approve. Roll call vote showed Fleischauer, Landis, Fisher, Davis, and Kays all in favor of the motion. Motion Passed.

Township Street Lights 0.2563 Motion by Fleischauer and supported by Landis to approve. Roll call vote showed Fleischauer, Landis, Davis, Kays, and Fisher all in favor of the motion. Motion Passed.

2017 Special Assessments for weed control:

Motion by Landis and supported by Fleischauer to hold a public hearing on October 10, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. for Keeler Lake Weed District #3 who is asking for a 10% increase on the special assessment district. Roll call vote showed Landis, Fleischauer, Davis, Fisher, and Kays all in favor of the motion. Motion Passed.

Motion by Landis and supported by Fleischauer to hold a public hearing on October 10, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. for Big & Little Crooked Lakes Weed District. Roll call vote showed Landis, Fleischauer, Kays, Fisher, and Davis all in favor of the motion. Motion Passed.

Motion by Landis and supported by Fleischauer to hold a public hearing on October 10, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. for Round Lake Weed District who is asking for a 10% increase on the special assessment district. Roll call vote showed Landis, Fleischauer, Fisher, Kays, and Davis all in favor of the motion. Motion Passed.

Medical Marihuana Facilities resolution:

Resolution by Landis and supported by Fleischauer to offer an "opt out" Resolution #09-05-2017-02 regarding marihuana facilities. Roll call vote showed Landis, Fleischauer, Kays, Fisher, and Davis all in favor of the resolution. Resolution #09-05-2017-02 Passed.

Keeler Cemetery proposal:

Jennifer Mehlenbeck made an offer to the township to replace the trees on the perimeter of the cemetery at no cost to the Township. Motion by Landis and supported by Kays to allow Jennifer Mehlenbeck to plant some trees at the cemetery. The exact locations will be determined by the Supervisor. Motion Passed three yes and two no.

Supervisor noted that there are a few trees that need to be taken out in section four and at the back of the cemetery. Motion by Landis and supported by Fleischauer to contact Joe Mundt to get a price and report back to the board. Motion Passed.

Public comment:

Jennifer Mehlenbeck had questions on open burning and garbage burning. Referred to our fire department to check it out.

Correspondence:

None.

Motion to adjourn:

Motion by Landis and supported by Fleischauer to adjourn. Motion Passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Submitted by,

Carl F. Davis, Clerk
Keeler Township
September 5, 2017