

MONTHLY MEETING
September 1, 2011

Meeting: called to order by Bill Robinson at 7:00 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Roll Call: Jim Webber, Mary Pitcher, Pam Radabaugh, Bill Robinson, Anna Grobe.

Minutes: of August 4, 2011. Approved.

Treasurer's Reports: General Fund, Fire Fund and Park Fund were presented by Pam Radabaugh. Motion by Mary Pitcher with a second by Jim Webber to accept the reports. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Mary Pitcher, Anna Grobe, Bill Robinson, Jim Webber and Pam Radabaugh. Nays; none.**

Payment of Township Accounts: Motion to approve Checks #4784 thru #4819, for the purpose of paying Township accounts in the amount of \$19,206.27 made by Pam Radabaugh with a second by Anna Grobe. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Anna Grobe, Mary Pitcher, Jim Webber, Pam Radabaugh and Bill Robinson. Nays; none.**

Additional Agenda items: NONE

Correspondence:

INCOMING:

1. Charter Business- information only.
2. Charter-New channel information.
3. Charter-Franchise information only.
4. Letter from Mary Hoban requesting copies of all Township communications between the Board and our attorney.
5. Notice from the Platte River Watershed Protection Plan about a meeting to be held on Wednesday September 14 from 5-7 at the Homestead Township Hall.
6. Thank you note from Jon Armstrong for the election for the library millage that was held on August 2.
7. Notice of a picnic for the residents of Long Lake.
8. Notice of a survey about the Platte River Watershed users.

OUTGOING:

1. Letter sent to Mary Hoban requesting an extension to gather the materials that She had requested. The Township will review the materials and anything that is attorney/client privilege will be held back. She was also sent a fee schedule

for making copies. She called the office on August 17 and said that she had a family emergency and would like to wait to get any information. The Township will wait until we are contacted by her before we proceed.

New Business:

1. Appointment of Mary Pitcher to the Planning Commission. Motion by Bill Robinson with a second by Jim Webber to appoint Mary Pitcher to the Planning Commission with the term to end with the term of office (11/2012).
Roll call vote: Ayes; Pam Radabaugh, Bill Robinson, Jim Webber and Anna Grobe. Nays; none.

Old Business:

1. Marlene Wood-Zylstra, County Recycling Coordinator, gave a presentation about what is accepted at the sites. She also reported that the fee will be increasing by \$3.00. This will also allow more items to be recycled.
2. Audit Report- The audit was conducted on July 11 and we received good report. Copies are available upon request. Question was asked on how long the contract is auditor; 3years with this being our last year. A new contract will be sent. It was suggested that it may be time we look for someone new.
3. Clerk will be out of the office the week of September 11.
4. Clean up day report- about 100 cars came through. Thank you to all the volunteers. The dates for 2012 will be confirmed soon and notices will be in the newsletter.
5. Worker's compensation plan-Bill reported last month that MTA was looking at a program that would refund some money if no claims were filed. This program is no longer available but the MI Participating Plan is looking into implementing a similar program. More information will be needed before any decisions are made.

County updates:

Roland Halliday, County Commissioner-Update on County Issues. MSU Extension has found funds to operate for the next year without having to go to the people for a millage request. One individual was selected for the opening for the County Administrator position and contract negotiations are ongoing. County is contemplating asking for a Headlee rollback. Still in talking stages. The contract for the replacement of the boat launch at the end of Lake Michigan Road has been awarded to Bonney Bros. Construction. Work is expected to start toward the end of September and should take about 2 weeks.

Township Depts.: There will be a Planning Commission meeting on Thursday September 22 at 6:30 pm.

Copies of the specs for the replacement/redesign of the roof of the Township Hall are available. Sealed bids will be accepted until September 19 with the opening of the bids to be held on Tuesday September 20 at 1:00.

Public input and general discussion:

Meeting adjourned: 8:09pm

In Attendance: 7

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Grobe, Clerk