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Osceola Township Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2016

The regular meeting of the Osceola Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Karpiak on September 14, 2016 at 6:31 pm in the Osceola Township meeting room. Board members present were Steve Karpiak, Mary Ringler, Judy Odgers, Aaron Janke, and Don Wareham.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Odgers, supported by Ringler to accept the minutes of the September meeting. AVIF

Motion by Janke, supported by Karpiak to accept the financial reports with adjustments to #701 +\$2,000.00 AVIF

Motion by Janke, supported by Wareham for payment of the bills in the amount of \$9,261.77. AVIF

Public Comment: Lori Trosech, candidate for Houghton County Commissioner for District 2, was present to introduce herself. She may be scheduling a Meet and Greet at the Dollar Bay Fire hall before the election. Bruce Beaudoin, Dover Road, asked if the polls will be at the TC fire hall. He also questioned if the TC fire department is using any of their savings for the new addition.

Agenda: Changes to the agenda under new business: e. DB ballfield and f. Quincy Restaurant. Motion to approve the agenda with the additions by Ringler, supported by Odgers. AVIF

Reports:

a. Assessor: No written report, Karpiak called and informed the assessor that a monthly report is required per their contract with the township. Karpiak received an email from the assessor stating that the Copper Lining, LLC v Osceola Township hearing before the Michigan Tax Tribunal will be held in June 2017.

b. Maintenance: No written report. John Backman has been filling for maintenance until the position is filled.

c. DBVFD: Chief Kokkonen reported the department had one call. The department participated in Fire Safety month at the DB/TC school. TC fire department also participated. The department will sound the siren at 5 pm to signal the start of trick or treating on Halloween. At 7 pm the siren will sound again to signal the end.

d. First Responders: no report

e. TCVFD: Written report for September was submitted. The department held its monthly meeting and training session. The building addition project is progressing. Wareham said the department will sound the siren at 5 pm for the start of trick or treating on Halloween. It will sound at 7:30 to signal the end. The fire trucks will be going through town on M26 with flashing lights to slow traffic.

f. TC Utility Board: September meeting minutes were submitted. Charles Westphal was appointed the new secretary of the board. Motion to approve the financial reports by Karpiak, supported by Janke. AVIF.

Motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$2,909.63 by Janke, supported by Ringler. AVIF.

g. TLISA: Meeting information submitted.

h. Supervisor reports: Karpiak informed the board of an Open House for Oct. 22nd inviting all to the Franklin Twp. office for their retiring officials. He also attended meetings for KEDA, PAC, MTA, and WUPPDR.

Unfinished Business:

- a. Mason Sewage: Karpiak informed the board that the DEQ is willing to pay for part of the Mason Sewer drain field but RD will not move forward with committing any funds until the DEQ puts something in writing. Linda Heisler asked if anyone is making weekly phone calls to the DEQ or RD. Karpiak informed her that UPEA is in contact with them but does not know how often.
- b. DB drainage: Dick Supina, TES, is working on easements on Cedar and Elm. He recommends the least costly way to proceed is putting in a culvert from Elm across First street.
- c. Price Odd Jobs plow bid: Motion to approve the bid with the shoveling of the front door bid removed by Odgers, supported by Wareham. AVIF.
- d. Maintenance position: There were two applicants, Dale Odgers and Tim Backman. After a discussion on both candidates a motion was made to hire Odgers as maintenance person and ask Backman to be the backup by Karpiak, supported by Wareham. AVIF
- e. Spending limit policy: Motion to raise the amount the supervisor /clerk can approve without board approval to \$1000.00 by Janke, supported by Wareham. AVIF
- f. Limited English Proficiency: The plan was not completed with the necessary information. Motion to table the matter until the November meeting to give Karpiak time to get the information for completion by Janke, supported by Ringler. AVIF
- g. Gygax/Jurgensen properties: Karpiak inspected the Gygax property on M26 and found it in compliance. Gygax still has to pay the \$900.00 plus fines he owes. Karpiak has asked the board's permission to take Jurgensen to small claims court. Motion to approve taking Jurgensen to court by Janke, supported by Wareham. AVIF

New Business:

- a. MTA training: Odgers and Ringler reported on the training they attended Oct. 5th. There was talk of fiduciary responsibility, dark store/big box issue, and medical marijuana. MTA feels all townships should be informed of what is happening in these areas
- b. Ice rink manager/pay: Odgers has talked with past managers and Campioni about the work involved in keeping the rink up and running. All have said that there should be two managers, each working 3 days a week once the rink is up and running. She also suggested paying \$12.00 an hour. There was discussion whether to not open the rink to see if any volunteers come forward to run it. Odgers said that she has advertised for volunteers with no luck. Motion to approve hiring two managers and raising the wage to \$12.00 hrly by Janke, supported by Wareham. AVIF.
- c. White Pine Electric Power: Zack Halkola was not able to attend the meeting. Motion to table until the November meeting by Odgers, supported by Wareham. AVIF
- d. Houghton County Brownfield: The Township received a letter asking for a list of properties that we would like to have included in the Brownfield inventory. If anyone would like to be involved with the Authority, the contact number is 482-8307.
- e. Ballfield: Janke has been contacted by the Portage Lake Little League asking if the township would agree to give matching funds to fix up the field. He will get more information to give the board at the November meeting.
- f. Janke also asked if the board would be in agreement to allowing Quincy Restaurant to use the ballfield parking lot during the winter months. Currently their employees park on the side of the road which makes a very narrow hazardous road way and makes it difficult for anyone using the snowmobile trail a clear view of oncoming traffic. The board is in agreement with Janke's suggestion as long as Quincy hires and pays for the plowing. Karpiak will contact the owner.

Motion to adjourn by Janke, supported Ringler at 7:52 pm. AVIF