

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP HALL
101 West Liberty Road
Clarklake, MI 49234

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Jim Spink at 7:00 and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Spink, Supervisor, Gloria Michaels, Treasurer, Mark Hubbard, Trustee, and Mark Smith, Trustee.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Sharon Warblow, Clerk

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Motion made by Smith, seconded by Hubbard to accept the agenda. Motion passed: 4 ayes, 0 nays

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Michaels and seconded by Smith to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried, 4 ayes, 0 nays.

CONSENSUS AGENDA: Treasurer Report, Assessor Report, Zoning/Ordinance Report, Fire Report, Building Reports, and Cemetery Report. Motion made by Smith, seconded by Michaels to approve. Motion passed: 4 ayes, 0 nays.

PAYMENT OF EXPENSES

Payroll: \$16154.83, Vendor Detail: \$16589.00, Bldg: \$2280.00, Fire Equipment: \$3598.74, and Sewer: \$2567.86 for a total of \$41190.43. Michaels made a motion to approve; seconded by Hubbard. Roll Call vote to approve: Hubbard, aye; Spink, aye; Michaels, aye; and Smith, aye. Payment of expenses approved.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Questions were asked regarding the fire department report, the status of 206 E. Liberty Rd. and included a thank you for the replacement of the outside light at the Township Hall.

CORRESPONDENCE AND FYI

None

STANDING COMMITTEE

- A. Fire: No meeting
- B. Master Plan Update Committee: Grant Bauman from Region II has provided more information. The committee is consolidating information then there will be notification of a public hearing,
- C. Sewer: no additional information.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consumer Energy Franchise Renewal Agreement: To be renewed every 30 years. It reads the same as the previous agreement. Hubbard made a motion to accept, seconded by Michaels. Roll call: Hubbard, Aye; Spink, Aye; Michaels, Aye; Smith, Aye. Acceptance approved.
- B. Jerry Buck Re-Zoning: Liberty Planning Commission approved the request but Region II denied the request because the parcel did not meet the 15,000 square feet minimum. A motion was made by Spink, seconded by Smith to table the issue, refer it back to the Planning Commission to reconfigure the parcel to meet the minimum square feet required. Motion passed: 4 ayes, 0 nays.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Resident questioned the status of the request for the fire millage, and the plans for the old engine and the old fire barn. Ballot language has been sent to the county elections board for approval. The old engine will be sold. There are no plans to do anything with the old fire barn. He wanted to know the total amount of money which would be raised. Request is for 1-1.5 mills. Ex. 1 mill = \$114000 x 5 = \$570000.

A question was asked about the building across from the General Store. There are signs announcing an Antique Shop. The building has had a lot of work done and all inspections are current.

A resident requested that meetings be recorded.

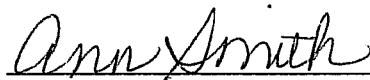
COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT

Steve Shotwell reported on the status of roadwork in the county including the implementation of a 25 year maintenance plan, a faster process in finishing roads resulting in more miles per day. There is an app (Jackson County Roads) which allows one to take a picture of a pothole and send it directly to the road commission. The commission should vote next Tuesday on the new fairgrounds and conference center. He also announced the plans for an Industrial Park by the city, county and Blackman Township which should be up and running in 2 years. At a resident's request for a hidden driveway sign, Steve informed us that the State Police are the approving agency for such signs.

ADJOURNMENT

Smith made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Hubbard. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:30.

Jim Spink, Supervisor



Ann Smith, Recording Secretary