

# Claybanks Township

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July 9, 2018

## MEETING MINUTES

The regular meeting of Claybanks Township was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Smith with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: Smith, Eilers, Lombard, Rabe and Freye.

**Agenda Additions** – None

### Minutes

**(A) Approval of June 11, 2018 regular meeting minutes** - David Rabe made a motion to approve the June 11, 2018 regular meeting minutes. Second by Dan Lombard. All in favor. Motion carried.

### Accounts Payable

- (A) Amend the Budget** - The brining bill brought the budget in Road Expense over by \$194.20. David Rabe made a motion to transfer \$194.20 from the Contingency Fund to the Road Expense to cover the brining bill. Second by Brenda Eilers. Rabe, yes; Freye, yes; Eilers, yes; Lombard, yes; Smith, yes. Motion carried. New Road Expense budget - \$6,194.20. New Contingency Fund balance - \$41,497.80
- (B) Approve June General Fund and Park Interim Payables** - David Rabe made a motion to pay the June General Fund interim payable in the amount of \$350.00 and the Park interim payable in the amount of \$3,150.00. Second by Dan Lombard. Eilers, yes; Lombard, yes; Smith, yes; Rabe, yes; Freye, yes. Motion carried.
- (C) Approve July Payables** – Add general fund check #9454 payable to Excel Propane in the amount of \$65.00, which is the price cap fee. New general fund total - \$21,204.51. David Rabe made a motion to approve the general fund payables in the amount of \$21,204.51, which includes check #9454, the park fund payables in the amount of \$7,136.53 and the Fire Fund payable in the amount of \$18,000.00. Second by Brenda Eilers. Lombard, yes; Rabe, yes; Freye, yes; Smith, yes; Eilers, yes. Motion carried.

**Correspondence** – Miscellaneous correspondence was reviewed.

**Public Comment** – Dave Borgeson presented a petition to the board objecting to the solar energy ordinance proposal, which would allow commercial solar energy farms in the Ag and Rural Preservation Districts. Mr. Borgeson stated he is not against solar energy for personal use, but is opposed to solar energy farms. He read a section of the Claybanks Township Zoning Ordinance that he felt addressed not allowing solar energy farms in the township. He brought up a question that was posed in the most recent public survey that asked if ag land should be protected from non-farm use and the majority of the respondents said yes. He stated responses to other questions related to non-farm use on ag land were also in the negative. Mr. Borgeson briefly explained that solar panels in a commercial venture would kill off all plant life under them and how plants are a necessary part of nature providing oxygen, which we need to live.

Roger Kirk wondered what the current thought was on rebuilding Stony Lake Road. Supervisor Dick Smith said that with that being pretty much a major road, he would expect the County to take care of it. David Rabe read a post from Scott VanSingel's website about an increase in funding for road repairs.

### Reports

- (A) Financial** – General Fund \$207,610.91; Fire Fund \$84,566.86; Road Improvement Fund \$83,820.20, Park Fund \$78,500.01.
- (B) Zoning Administrator** – Report given by Sara Bizon. Issued three permits and made one inspection. She is receiving calls from realtors asking about land splits and what can be built on them. She got all the documents to study for the Assessor test, which she will take in October.

- (C) **Planning Commission** – Report given by Art Grumm. The Planning Commission will have its last of four required meetings on August 21, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
- (D) **Cemetery Committee** – Report given by Carol Royalty. The cemeteries have been mowed and look very nice.
- (E) **Park** - Report given by Jesse Cisneros. There are some busy weeks coming up. He thinks the township should consider instituting a fee for day use of the park. Jesse states he has a lot of people coming in bringing their dogs who are not township people. He thinks non-residents should be charged to use the park. He suggested issuing car stickers to all township residents. He did not have many problems with the Electric Forest people. Jeff Davey was present and stated that his daughter's open house was held at the park pavilion and many people attending complimented Jesse on how nice the park was. Jesse noted that garlic mustard seems to be spreading.

Brenda Eilers stated that Jesse and Carol will be out of town on August 10 to attend their granddaughter's wedding and someone will need to cover for them. She stated Sue Eilers is willing to help during the day and Brenda could cover at night. Brenda Eilers made a motion to hire Sue Eilers to fill in for Jesse and Carol Cisneros on August 10. Second by Dan Lombard. Smith, yes; Rabe, yes; Eilers, yes; Lombard, yes; Freye, yes. Motion carried.

Mary Freye said that Jesse told her earlier that three support posts on the pavilion were rotted and that he could stick a screwdriver through them. Dan Lombard will look at them and see what needs to be done.

#### **Unfinished Business**

- (A) **Municipal Civil Infraction Ordinance** - Sara Bizon reported that in the next few Thursdays or Fridays she can get something set up. Dick Smith will let her know what dates work for him.
- (B) **Solar Energy Draft Ordinance** - The Planning Commission presented their final draft for the board to consider. David Rabe stated that he talked to another township who is also working on drafting a solar energy ordinance and that they are requiring a minimum of 40 acres, where as our proposed ordinance requires only 20. Mary Freye and Dick Smith had questions that were asked of Art Grumm, PC Chairman. David stated he would try to get a copy of the other township's draft and that he felt we needed to do more work on this. David Rabe made a motion to table acting on the proposed solar energy ordinance until the September, 2018 regular meeting. Second by Dan Lombard. Rabe, yes; Freye, yes; Eilers, yes; Lombard, yes; Smith, yes. Motion carried. Art Grumm asked the board to compile their questions/concerns and give him a list for the Planning Commission to review.
- (C) **Scenic Drive and Webster Road Improvements** - Work has begun. Dan Lombard stated the road is torn up and that it should be paved on Thursday.
- (D) **Utility Trailer for Park** - Dick Smith looked at different places for a utility trailer. We can get a little one from Tractor Supply for \$700. We can get a really nice 12' trailer with a wood bed for \$1,750.00 from Reeman Farm Equipment. After a discussion, it was agreed the 12' trailer would better meet the needs at the park. Since up to \$2,000 was approved last month, Dick will pursue getting the 12' trailer.

#### **New Business**

- (A) **Website Security** - Our web designer sent information on purchasing security for our website against hacking and other threats at a cost of \$9.99 per month. Mary Freye feels this would be a good thing to have. Mary Freye made a motion to purchase website security for \$9.99 per month. Second by Brenda Eilers. Lombard, yes; Rabe, yes; Freye, yes; Smith, yes; Eilers, yes. Motion carried.
- (B) **Review Brine Bill** - The brine bill was not broken down between park and township roads, as has been done in the past. Mary Freye was not sure how much the park's share of the bill should be. Dan Lombard stated that we were to pay \$500/mile for brining and that there is about a mile of road in the park. Dan Lombard made a motion to have the park reimburse the

general fund \$500.00 for brining. Second by Brenda Eilers. Rabe, yes; Freye, yes; Eilers, yes; Lombard, yes; Smith, yes. Motion carried.

**(C) Truth-in-Taxation Hearing** - Since we have a millage proposal on the ballot, we cannot have our Truth-in-Taxation hearing until after the election and we know the results. To allow time for publishing requirements, we will hold the Truth-in-Taxation hearing at 7:00 p.m. on September 10, 2018, which is just prior to the regular board meeting.

**Supervisor Comments** - None

**Adjournment** - 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Freye