

# Claybanks Township

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October 8, 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** – New Business C) Compensate Supervisor for Interim Assessor Duties; D) Snowplowing

### Minutes

- (A) **Approval of September 10, 2018 Truth-in-Taxation Hearing minutes** - David Rabe made a motion to approve the September 10, 2018 Truth-in-Taxation Hearing minutes. Second by Brenda Eilers. All in favor. Motion carried.
- (B) **Approval of September 10, 2018 regular meeting minutes** - David Rabe made a motion to approve the September 10, 2018 regular meeting minutes. Second by Dan Lombard. All in favor. Motion carried.

### Accounts Payable

- (A) **Amend General Fund Budget - Road and Cemetery Expense are Over Budget** - David Rabe made a motion to move both \$1,335.00 for the Cemetery Fund and \$6,194.20 for the Road Fund from the Contingency Fund. Second by Dan Lombard. Eilers, yes; Lombard, yes; Smith, yes; Rabe, yes; Freye, yes. Motion carried.
- (B) **Approve October Payables** – Add park check #2576 to Gabriel Barco for \$50 for a reservation refund. New Park total: \$3,009.56. David Rabe made a motion to pay the general fund payables in the amount of \$7,271.15 and the park fund payables in the amount of \$3,009.56, which includes the added check. Second by Dan Lombard. Rabe, yes; Freye, yes; Eilers, yes; Lombard, yes; Smith, yes. Motion carried.

**Correspondence** – Miscellaneous correspondence was reviewed.

**Public Comment** – Dave Borgeson spoke about offers in Roscommon County for solar energy leases, that a friend advised him about, which were very generous. Some of those leases had 64 stipulations, part of which were the right to sell rights to another party. He reiterated to be very careful when looking at these leases and have an attorney look at any documents before signing. Mr. Borgeson pointed out again the merits of the categories for approving solar energy farms in the document he provided the board last month. He spoke about what the location could do to property values if they are visible to the public.

### Reports

- (A) **Financial** – General Fund \$185,603.10; Fire Fund \$66,566.86; Road Improvement Fund \$10,054.20, Park Fund \$72,425.07.
- (B) **Zoning Administrator** – Report given by Sara Bizon. Issued one permit. Attended solar energy ordinance seminar.
- (C) **Planning Commission** – Report given by Art Grumm. Six attended the seminar for solar energy. Art felt it was ok. A lot of it had to do with solar energy potential in the area. Little of it had to do with ordinance construction. Art picked up a couple of points we may want to include in the ordinance, i.e. soil structure. Art talked to Larry Byl, who said the county is not doing anything active with this. The next meeting is October 16 at 7:00 p.m. Art put together a draft based on what was talked about at the last meeting and other things. Decommissioning wording has been added. Special use requirements would need to be updated.
- (D) **Cemetery Committee** – Report given by Art Grumm. The cherry tree limb has been cut down. Roy and Nancy Strait cleaned it up. The board expressed their appreciation.

## Unfinished Business

- (A) **Municipal Civil Infraction Ordinance** - Dick Smith got the book he ordered from MTA. There was not one thing in it about civil infractions. He went online and got some sample material and gave it to Art to review.
- (B) **Solar Energy Draft Ordinance** - Tabled until the November meeting.

## New Business

- (A) **Attendees for Road Commission Second Annual Reception** - David Rabe, Dick Smith and Dan Lombard will attend with their spouses.
- (B) **Assessor Position** - Jim Pease was done August 31. Sara Bizon is taking her Level 1 Assessor test on October 26. If she passes, she will assume the duties of Assessor for our township.
- (C) **Compensate Supervisor for Interim Assessor Duties** - Dan Lombard made a motion to pay Dick Smith an additional \$750 per month for September and October while assuming assessor duties. Second by David Rabe. Lombard, yes; Rabe, yes; Freye, yes; Eilers, yes. Smith abstained. Motion carried.
- (D) **Snowplowing** - Dan Lombard spoke with Karl Lemmen, who has plowed the town hall lot for the last several years. He is willing to plow again this year. Dan Lombard made a motion to hire Karl Lemmen to plow the town hall parking lot this winter. Second by David Rabe. All in favor. Motion carried.

6. Supervisor Comments - None

Adjournment - 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Freye