

Claybanks Township

July 8, 2019

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 B) Phone and Wifi at the Park

Minutes

- (A) Approval of June 10, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes** - Dan Lombard made a motion to approve the June 10, 2019 regular meeting minutes. Second by David Rabe. All in favor. Motion carried.

Accounts Payable

- (A) Transfer \$11,529.65 from Previous Year General Fund Balance to Road Improvement Fund** - The 48th Avenue project exceeded the Road Improvement Fund by \$11,529.65. David Rabe made a motion to transfer \$11,529.65 from the general fund checking previous year remaining balance to the Road Improvement Fund. Second by Brenda Eilers. Eilers, yes; Lombard, yes; Smith, yes; Rabe, yes; Freye, yes. Motion carried.
- (B) Transfer \$20,000 from Previous Year General Fund Balance to Road Improvement Expense Budget** - Our participation in the Stony Lake Road project was not anticipated at the time the budget was approved, but there is ample money left in the general fund from last year to cover this. David Rabe made a motion to increase the Road Improvement expense budget by \$20,000, to be covered with previous year general fund balance. Second by Dan Lombard. Rabe, yes; Freye, yes; Eilers, yes; Lombard, yes; Smith, yes. Motion carried.
- (C) Approve July Payables** - Add general fund check #9734 for \$278.01 payable to Staples for tax bills and notices. New general fund payable total: \$32,624.08. David Rabe made a motion to approve the general fund payables in the amount of \$32,624.08, including check #9734, and the park payables in the amount of \$6,538.69. Second by Dan Lombard. Lombard, yes; Rabe, yes; Freye, yes; Smith, yes; Eilers, yes. Motion carried.

Correspondence – Miscellaneous correspondence was reviewed. We received a letter from IMLA, which included a dangerous dog model ordinance. This was discussed and it was determined that Supervisor Dick Smith will give this to the township attorney to review and render an opinion about the possible need for our ordinance to be amended.

Public Comment – David Borgeson commented about the day use at the park, people bringing dogs into the campground and the discussion last month about possibly charging non-residents a fee for day use. He did some research by stopping at the park during busy times, Electric Forest, etc. He said the highest number of cars was seven, second highest five and the rest between three and zero. Meinert Park was checked during the same time as Electric Forest and they were not bad. The end of Park Road had a dozen cars, one out of state. Benona was jammed and people were walking in. He noted a lot of dogs at campsites. In his opinion, the trouble of verifying residents vs. non-residents and trying to collect \$5 from them is not worth the effort.

Reports

- (A) Financial** – General Fund - \$260,047.28; Fire Fund - \$75,720.41, Road Improvement Fund - \$135,294.35; Park Fund - \$98,000.00.
- (B) Zoning Administrator** – No permits were issued. She advised the board she will be out of town July 10 through July 12.
- (C) Planning Commission** – Report given by Art Grumm. The third of four required meetings will be August 13. Depending on what the board does with the proposed civil infraction ordinance, they may hold a public hearing on that date.
- (D) Cemetery Committee** – Report given by Art Grumm. The cemeteries were mowed twice last month and look like they need it again. Art fixed a headstone in Flower Creek Cemetery.

- (E) **Park** - Report given by Jesse Cisneros. He is having a hard time with the lack of dependable internet service. Jesse reports his computer needs a good "cleaning out" by a technician, and that he is hearing other conversations over the park phone when he is using it. He has not called repair service for the phone. David Rabe advised AT&T has a new tower and he knows of people using it with good results. The board agreed to switch the internet and phone service over to AT&T. Brenda Eilers will take care of this. She stated she will need to use the park debit card as this will probably require a pre-pay for the service. The board was in agreement with this.

Unfinished Business

- (A) **Solar Energy Ordinance Draft Approval** - The Solar Energy Ordinance was originally written and approved as a stand-alone ordinance, but it should be part of the Article 10 - Special Uses. The draft renumbers the Solar Energy Ordinance to fit the format of Article 10. David Rabe made a motion to approve moving the Solar Energy Ordinance to Article 10 - Special Uses of the Zoning Ordinance and approve the proposed renumbering to fit the formatting of Article 10. Second by Brenda Eilers. Freye, yes; Rabe, yes; Smith, yes; Lombard, yes; Eilers, yes. Motion carried.
- (B) **Municipal Civil Infraction Ordinance** - The Planning Commission presented a draft for the board to review and comment on. It was well thought out and the board only had a few questions/suggestions. It was suggested that a time limit for pending citations should be included and that days to respond within that limit would be at the discretion of the authorized agent. The next step will be to submit this to the township attorney for review. Dick Smith will send it to him.
- (C) **Park Water Tests** - We received a postcard from the Health Department stating dates the remaining water tests are due. The park manager has submitted the required tests.

New Business

- (A) **Recreational Marijuana State Emergency Rules** - We received notice that starting November 1 the State of Michigan will begin accepting applications for recreational marijuana facilities. We have until that time to enact an ordinance regulating these, or opting out. The board wishes to opt out, as we did with medical marijuana facilities, and asked the Planning Commission to look at drawing up an ordinance to that affect. They will address this at their August 13 meeting.
- (B) **Phone and Wifi at the Park** - This was addressed under the park report. Brenda Eilers will work on making the switch to AT&T.

Supervisor Comments - None

Adjournment - 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Freye