

# Claybanks Township

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February 10, 2020  
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) Hall Rental in September

## Minutes

**(A) Approval of January 13, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes** - David Rabe made a motion to approve the January 13, 2020 regular meeting minutes. Second by Dan Lombard. All in favor. Motion carried.

## Accounts Payable

**(A) Approve January Payables** - David Rabe wondered why there were two checks to Excel Propane. He was told that the early pay discounted amount was at the bottom of the invoice, but we were paying too late to get the discount. The second check was for the difference between the amount due and the discounted amount. Dan Lombard made a motion to pay the general fund payables in the amount of \$7,727.42 and the park fund payables in the amount of \$302.83. Second by David Rabe. Rabe, yes; Freye, yes; Eilers, yes; Lombard, yes; Smith, yes. Motion carried.

**Correspondence** – We received a letter from the DNR about an invasive species, Hemlock Woolly Adelgid, in West Michigan. Joel Mikkelsen said it was present in Golden Township. Other miscellaneous correspondence was reviewed.

**Public Comment** – Joel Mikkelsen addressed the board. He said that communities along the bike trail received a grant for trees, but that there would be trees left over after the bike trail plantings. He said they are reaching out to public entities and our township park would be welcome to get in on this deal. The trees are one to two inches in diameter and five feet tall. Our obligation would be to plant them, water them, and protect them from campers and deer. He had previously spoken to Dan Lombard about this. Dan said that last year Park Manager, Jesse Cisneros, said he could use eight new trees. Dan is guessing we probably have room for 16. Mr. Mikkelsen said he will anticipate 20 plus trees for the township park. He also said he would like to donate a picnic table for the overlook deck and have it fastened to the deck. He said the deck and stairs were built in 1990 and he feels we should think about replacement. He felt we could apply through the People Fund at Great Lakes Energy. A recreational plan is required. Joel stated that Oceana County Parks is about to do an update on their five year plan and for a small fee we could be part of that plan. Joel also commented on needed road repair on Stony Lake Road. He said for about 49 years he has been hitting a bump in front of the Lankfer home and beyond that, on the south side of the road, is another nasty one. He would like to see the Road Commission fix these.

## Reports

**(A) Financial** – General Fund - \$195,233.62; Fire Fund - \$59,970.41; Road Improvement - \$0.00; Park Fund - \$97,730.98

- (B) **Zoning Administrator** - Absent with notice. No permits issued.
- (C) **Planning Commission** – Report given by Art Grumm. They will hold their first of four required meetings in April. A schedule of meeting dates will be coming out soon.

#### **Unfinished Business**

- (A) **Civil Infraction Ordinance** - Reviewed Township Attorney Monton's final draft. There was a question on the omission of wording allowing the township to be able to collect court costs and attorney fees. An email was sent to Mr. Monton asking about this. David Rabe made a motion to table this until at least next month, or when we hear from our attorney. Second by Brenda Eilers. All in favor. Motion carried.
- (B) **Marijuana Establishment Ordinance** - Reviewed the attorney's final draft. Brenda Eilers made a motion to table this until next month. Second by David Rabe. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### **New Business**

- (A) **Set Budget Date Hearing and Time** - The board will hold the budget hearing on March 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., which is just before the regular meeting.
- (B) **Brine Contract** - The board reviewed the options provided by the Oceana County Road Commission. There was much discussion about the best way to go. David Rabe made a motion to use Michigan Chloride and have the roads brined twice. Second by Dan Lombard. Eilers, yes; Lombard, yes; Smith, yes; Rabe, yes; Freye, yes. Motion carried. It was noted that the road commission's job of applying the brine last year was not good and we will expect better this year.
- (C) **Hall Rental in September** - Lori Chmielewski would like to rent the hall on 9-13-20 for a birthday party. Brenda Eilers made a motion to approve the hall rental. Support by Dan Lombard. Lombard, yes; Rabe, yes; Freye, yes; Smith, yes; Eilers, yes. Motion carried.

**Supervisor Comments** - We received bids from the Oceana County Road Commission on the three roads we proposed may be worked on in 2020, depending on the cost and available funds. Wilke Road, from 48th Avenue to 44th Avenue, came in at \$170,637.50. This would be the township's share of the project. 36th Avenue, from Cleveland to Clay to 44th, came in at \$283,000, which would be the township's share of the cost. The township's share of 48th Avenue, from Webster Road to Wilke, would be \$308,000. Funds available for road improvement will be determined at the upcoming budget workshop.

Adjournment - 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Freye