

OAKFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
June 8, 2021

2021-9

CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Oakfield Township Board of Trustees held June 8, 2021 at 7:00p.m. with all board members present in Oakfield Township.

Present were: Greg Dean, Chad Sowerby, Betsy Koett, Ken Rittersdorf, Pamela Riker & Sue Trainer

Absent: Bryan Porter

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve regular meeting minutes for May 11, 2021 offered by Sowerby second by Riker approved per a roll call vote 6-0,

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Motion to approve Treasury Report for May 2021 offered by Sowerby second by Rittersdorf approved per a roll call vote 6-0.

Motion to amend the budget Michigan Right of Way #00-577 in the amount of +\$1,473.11 offered by Sowerby second by Riker approved per a roll call vote 6-0.

Motion to amend the budget State Right of Way Grant #446-781 in the amount of +\$1,473.11 offered by Koett second by Sowerby approved per a roll call vote 6-0.

Motion to approve transfer of funds from Cemetery to General Fund-White Swan well repair in the amount of \$334.07 offered by Koett second by Riker approved per a roll call vote 6-0.

Motion to approve transfer of funds from Capital Fund to the General Fund-13 Mile Road project in the amount of \$78,260.10 offered by Koett second by Sowerby approved per a roll call vote 6-0.

Motion to approve General Fund expenditures for the month of May 2021 in the amount of \$158,523.58 offered by Koett second by Rittersdorf approved per a roll call vote 6-0.

Motion to approve Scram Lake expenditures for the month of May 2021 in the amount of \$9,804.10 offered by Sowerby second by Rittersdorf approved per a roll call vote 6-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire Department:

Fire Chief not present-deputy fire chief in attendance in his place.

- May had 31 calls-20 medical, 1 P.I. accident, 1 structure fire, 1 fire alarm, 2 wire calls, 2 illegal burning, 3 Assist Spencer. One of the wire calls resulted in a \$376.25. They were installing a pool without a permit and backhoe hooked the wires.

Monthly Training – New reporting software, new radio's, pump operations.

- **From the Chief-**Introduced Michael Conley as perspective firefighter for Oakfield Township. Michael comes to us fully trained in firefighting and medical, with 11 years' experience at Grattan Township. He was unable to be at meeting due to being on vacation out of the state, but if approved he would like him to be ready to go upon his return.

Motion to approve to bring Michael on as a volunteer firefighter offered by Sowerby second by Riker approved per a roll call vote 6-0.

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PCI Report: 11 building permits, 23 electrical, 16 mechanical, 3 plumbing, 6 LP. Total charges \$12,068.00, total due \$10,861.20, total evaluation of projects \$1,062,207.41.

Planning Commission: Meeting next Tuesday night.

1 Rezone at the corner of Lincoln Lake Rd. & Old 14 Mile to build storage units

1 Special Land Use for a business that builds custom staircases at the old Car Center building

Zoning Board of Appeals: No March meeting

Zoning Administration: Tickets are all issued-7 of them. Court appearances are virtual, not in person. Have another 6 or 7 more tickets to issue.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

- Kent County Conservation District: Jessie Shulty, Mike Carbanow a Conservation Technician for Montcalm Conservation District and Jerry Miller the Chair for Kent Conservation District presented material to educate us about the Flat River Natural River District Project. The project preserves the land along the Flat River and it's tributaries. The State has put into law a set of guidelines for building along the river and they were requesting that our Board amend our ordinances to align with these laws. Dean made the point that the land along the river and it's tributaries that is in our Township isn't buildable land so it wouldn't make sense for us to change our ordinances. Ms. Shulty requested that they set-up another meeting in the future with Dean and the DNR and he agreed to have one.

CORRESPONDENCE SENT: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- House on Cowan Lake-Still haven't delivered appropriate paperwork to get underway to build. Don't have approval from EGLE & haven't delivered a letter of credit to the Township yet.
- L.T. Services is being set up: G2G will do training on June 22nd on the 3 card readers. People will be able to pay over phone or online.
- Federal hand out of free money-Still waiting for more guidance on what the money can be spent on.
- Purchase of BS&A Software-They have been notified that we are buying the software and the first payment has been made.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Recycling-Deputy Treasurer called Herrington regarding adding recycling to our trash removal plan because of all the paper and plastic we throw out. They charge \$12.00/month if we use their container or \$9.00/month if we supply our own.

Motion to approve to add recycling to our trash removal with Herrington in the amount of \$9.00/month offered by Sowerby second by Koett approved per a roll call vote 6-0.

- Historical Commission: Asking if they could reopen the museum. We are leaving it up to them to decide.
- By pass lane in front of Township Hall on M-57-Would like the lane extended back from Harvard to the Township drive due to traffic volume. Dean spoke with Jerry Burns from Kent County Road Commission and we are already on the list and this should be done yet this summer.
- L-4029-Millage rates for 2021-Tax rate for next year is 0.7429 for operating and 0.4810 for fire.

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Motion to approve the Oakfield Township millage rates and turn into the County offered by Koett second by Sowerby approved per a roll call vote 6-0.

- Kennel Licenses Renewal-Marsha Compton-Wabasis Lake Road. Received paperwork from the County to renew her license and they want to know if we are alright with renewing it.

Motion to approve to renew Marsha Compton's kennel license offered by Dean second by Sowerby approved per a roll call vote 6-0.

- Kent County Agricultural Preservation Program-Anyone interested Dean has paperwork. Deadline to submit it is July 31, 2021. See him if interested.
- Audit Report-Trainer reported that it all went good. Reports are back and copies have been handed out.
- Website Update-Preliminary has been reviewed by Township staff and Betsy from Addorio said it will go live right after our final approval.

BOARD COMMENTS:

- Woodbeck Lake-Weed control district is up for renewal. Dean contacted attorney. He will start working on it. Woodbeck Lake wants it renewed so once complete it will be renewed without doing petitions.
- Windmills and Solar Panels-Company out of California sent out letters to anyone owning property in the Township to install solar fields on their property. Township has no zoning ordinances for this so we have the attorney looking into it. Dean is thinking we should adopt an ordinance for this.
- Updating Masterplan-Planning Commission will deal with this.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm offered by Sowerby second by Rittersdorf approved per a roll call vote 6-0..

Susan Trainer
Oakfield Township Clerk