

OAKFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
August 14, 2018

2018-14

CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Oakfield Township Board of Trustees held August 14, 2018 at 10300 14 Mile Road, Rockford, MI., was called to order at 7:30 pm.

Present were: Greg Dean, Larry Parker, Bryan Porter, Pamela Riker, Ken Rittersdorf, Chad Sowerby and Linda VanHouten

Absent: none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve regular meeting minutes for July 10, 2018 offered by Rittersdorf second by Riker approved per a roll call vote 6-0. (Porter abstained).

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Motion to approve the report of fund balances for July as presented offered by Porter second by Sowerby approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

Motion to amend budget transfers Cemetery to General 000-698 in the amount of \$157.25 - offered by Sowerby second by Rittersdorf approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

Motion to amend Budget Cemetery Improvements – 276-802 - in the amount of \$157.25 - offered by Porter second by Sowerby approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

Motion to approve transfer of funds – Cemetery to the General Fund in the amount of - \$1,850.00 offered by Sowerby second by Parker approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

Motion to approve transfer of funds from the Capital Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$27,062.80 – Roads – offered by Parker second by Sowerby approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

Motion to approve General Fund Expenditures for the month of July, 2018 in the amount of \$75,326.19 offered by Parker second by Sowerby approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

Motion to approve Sewer Fund Expenditures for the month of July, 2018 in the amount of \$1,856.85 offered by Sowerby second by Porter approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire Department:

- 35 runs for July
- Monthly Training – Death and Dying
- Pump testing completed both in good shape.
- Received 1400 ft. of 4" hose from Plainfield Twp. Fire Dept.
- Washer/dryer update: installer contacting Chief Peterson next week to set a date for installation.

Motion to allow Chief Peterson to attend Emerging Issues in Emergency Service training offered by Dean second by Rittersdorf approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

PCI Report: Report on file

Planning Commission: Will meet on September 18, 2018 at 7 pm.

Motion to approve not to have a meeting this month offered by Dean second by Sowerby approved per a voice vote 7-0.

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Zoning Board of Appeals: No meeting.

Zoning Administrator: Report on file

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

- Kent County Road Commission: Article on four townships joining together for paving project.
- Charter Cable: Normal channel line-up changes – on file
- Comcast Cable: Normal channel line-up changes – on file.
- DEQ: Issued a permit to Kent Co. Rd. Commission for replacement of a culvert where it drains into Scram Lake.
- Department of Treasury: Senate Bill 1025 & House Bill 6049 about changing the way assessing is done in MI. Dean spoke with local legislatures about his concerns. They don't think it will pass.
- MTA

Motion to approve attendance to upcoming MTA classes offered by Dean second by Parker approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

- Michigan Association of Planning: Training too expensive, no motion to approve attendance.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: Citizen inquired about July 10 minutes and if house for sale on Cowan Lake was the one that had previously burnt down.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Cowan Lake Special Assessment District Public Hearing opened at 7:52 pm.

Mark Nettleton, attorney, gave a background on the Special Assessment District. Spoke about the next steps and outlined a tentative schedule for the next couple of months. Stated the purpose of tonight is to get comments on the proposed Special Assessment District.

Comments/questions were offered by:

Tom DeBoer, 8257 Cowan Lake, Rockford MI 49341

Dave Polega, 9810 10 Mile Rd., Rockford, MI 49341

Rich Sadowski, 5830 Arbor Ct., Rockford, MI 49341

John Venman, 9900 10 Mile Rd., Rockford, MI 49341

Mary DeYoung, 9910 10 Mile Rd., Rockford, MI 49341

Kerry Jahns, 13084 N. Buck Trail, Bitely, MI 49309

Tom DeBoer

Rich Sadowski

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Mary DeYoung

Nettleton responded to comments and questions along with discussion by the board.

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Motion to close the public hearing on the Special Assessment District offered by Dean second by Sowerby approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

Motion to table Resolutions 2 & 3 until September Board meeting offered by Dean second by Sowerby approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

Public hearing closed at 8:34 pm.

- Scrap Tire collection – Courtland Township Hall – September 15, 2018 8-12pm
- Mole Busters: Contract has expired for this season. They sent information on extending services for remainder of season.

Motion to not renew Molebusters services offered by Dean second by Parker approved per a voice vote 7-0.

- L-4029 Millage request sent to County

NEW BUSINESS:

- PDR Resolution: Purchase of Development Rights

Motion made to pass Resolution to allow land owners in Oakfield Township to apply for the PDR program in Kent County offered by Dean second by Rittersdorf approved per a roll call vote 6-1. (Parker opposed)

- Michael B. Hall Purchase of Development Rights Application: (preserves farmland).

Motion to approve Michael Halls PDR application offered by Dean second by Sowerby approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

- Ceiling Tiles: Question arose while a few damaged restroom tiles were being replaced. Dean will look at.
- Kennel Applications: Two renewals received for Kennel Applications.
Marsha Compton, William Briggs.

Motion to approve Two Kennel Application Renewals offered by Parker second by Rittersdorf approved per a voice vote 7-0.

- Cemetery Sexton: Received notice from Ralph VanOcker that he will be retiring effective August 31, 2018. John Venman was in attendance and will meet with VanHouten August 15 to discuss the position.
- Historical Commission – Steve Tower – Sharon Bouck – Ray Salyer

Motion to reappoint Steve Tower and Sharon Bouck and add new member Ray Salyer to the Historical Commission, term ending August 12, 2021 offered by Dean second by Sowerby approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

- Election Report: VanHouten reported on the August 7, 2018 State Primary. Total of 1,322 voters, which was the largest number of voters in Oakfield for a State Primary with a 29% turnout.
- Board of Review

Motion to approve Gae Donovan-Wolfe as an alternate to the Board of Review offered by Sowerby second by Riker approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

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- Planning Commission

Motion to reappoint Gary Olger to the Planning Commission term ending July 27, 2021 offered by Dean second by Sowerby approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: Chief Peterson inquired about mole traps. Dean said we do have some. Peterson also mentioned a large woodchuck hole on the property. Porter and Sowerby have live traps that can be set.

BOARD COMMENTS: Dean was delivered a petition tonight to revoke special use permission for firing at the Honor Camp in Spencer Township. There are 150 signatures. It was delivered to Spencer Township and currently tied up with attorneys. Dean will keep us posted.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm offered by Sowerby second by Parker approved per a voice vote.

Linda L. VanHouten
Oakfield Township Clerk