

OAKFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
July 9, 2019

2019-12

CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Oakfield Township Board of Trustees held July 9, 2019 at 10300 14 Mile Road, Rockford, MI., was called to order at 7:00 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 June 11, 2019 with date correction, offered by Rittersdorf second by Sowerby approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Motion to approve the report of fund balances for June 2019 as presented offered by Porter second by Rittersdorf approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

Motion to approve transfer of funds from the Fire Millage to the General Fund in the amount of \$3,467.50 Wages - 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 \$24,477.64 – Roads offered by Sowerby second by Riker approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

Motion to approve General Fund Expenditures for the month of June, 2019 in the amount of \$64,719.80 offered by Porter second by Parker approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

Motion to approve Scram Lake Expenditures for the month of June in the amount of \$2,801.68 offered by Parker second by Sowerby approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire Department:

- 24 calls for June

Monthly Training – Communications
Annual hose and ladder testing complete. All passed.

PCI Report: Report on file

Planning Commission: No meeting last month.

Zoning Board of Appeals: Met to approve minutes.

Zoning Administrator: Report on file

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

- Comcast Cable – 2 letters – Programming Changes, on file.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Resident questioned if properties on the North side of 10 Mile near Cowan Lake would be required to hook up to Cowan Lake Sewer. Dean replied that only Lake front residents did.

Resident noticed mole activity in Township yard. Offered use of his traps.

Resident introduced self, inquired if he could get an agenda before the meeting. Dean replied they are available in the office the Monday morning before each meeting.

Resident informed board of a stolen utility trailer that was taken out of his driveway June 29/30, in the 10 Mile Cowan Lake area. Reported to Sherriff, but wanted us to be aware also. He has lived in Twp. 31 years, noticed a lot of improvements, and thanked the board. Informed the board of concerns he has about a neighbor and his employees.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Plat Maps have been ordered.
- Louis Anderson Property – Swem St.: Dangerous Building Hearing, July 22, 2019 at the Township hall.
- Cowan Lake Sewer – Hook up time and Consumers Energy easements: Received a letter from the Cowan Lake Association President. Talking about hooking up to the sewer immediately or within a year. Dean didn't remember anything about 1 year down the road being an option. Feels there could be issues if the residents don't hook up as soon as it's available. Discussion by board.

Motion to hook up immediately, as soon as the sewer is available offered by Dean second by Sowerby approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

They are also going to be in need of some Consumers Energy easements from some residents in Oakfield Twp. Dean will make contact with those residents.

- Cemetery Fence at Oakfield Cemetery: Will be fixed. Dean is following up.
- Lawn Mower: Rep came out to look at the mower and see why it wasn't dispersing the grass. The manufacturer had a rubber guard on the back of mower. This was dragging the grass and balling it up. The guard was removed. Mowing has improved.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Fire Auxiliary** – Molly Seekamp

Motion to appoint Molly Seekamp to the Fire Auxiliary offered by Dean second by Sowerby approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

Jerri Peterson was also willing to be on the Fire Auxiliary. But since she is the Chief's spouse, it was decided, after board discussion, that there could be conflict of interest in that appointment.

- **Painting of Steps:** VanHouten will contact Superior Asphalt to see if they can add paint to the edge of the 3 steps outside of the hall, when they are here striping the parking lot.

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- **Prestige Concrete:** Purchased some property on Heintzelman Rd. Since the purchase they have split the land with the barns separate from the house. This is in violation of the Township ordinance. They will either have to combine the property or tear down the barns.

Motion to continue with enforcing the ordinance offered by Dean second by Sowerby approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

- **Computers Windows 7-Windows 10:**

VanHouten informed the board that as of Jan. 2020 Microsoft will not be supporting Windows 7. It will still work, but there won't be security and updates for it. What it means for us; Bonnie's and Linda's computers are all set, new this year; Matthew's and Larry's were new last yr., they have Windows 7, but Tony can easily update (maybe 2 hours of time), Betsy's and Roger's are older computers and probably wouldn't be worth trying to have Tony update. Recommends new for Betsy since she has tax programs on hers. Could possibly wait on Rogers until next budget year, if we need to do that. Discussion by board.

Motion to purchase new computer for Betsy and windows updates for Larry and Matthew offered by Dean second by Sowerby approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

- **Consumers Concrete:** Accident on corner of Harvard and 14 Mile last week. Consumer's concrete truck ran in to the back of a pickup that was turning left onto Harvard. Consumer's concrete truck ended up in the Township yard, doing damage to lawn. Dean will keep us posted on property repair.
- **Revenue Sharing:** \$77,868. This was an increase of 4.085% from last year at this time.
- **Oakfield Dam – Wabasis Lake – Lake Level:** Dean reported that some Wabasis Lake residents are having issues with flooding. There was a log and other debris impeding the flow at the Oakfield Dam. Dean asked the Drain Commissioner to clean it off, but declined. There was an Assessment District set up years ago that the County, Township and Lake Residents paid into it. Dean believes there should be funds available in that account to take care of this. Dean went over and removed a 10 foot log, lily pads and other debris on his own. He is questioning the County about where the funds are in that account. Dean will keep us posted.
- **FEMA Flood Insurance Program:** Cannot get flood insurance in Oakfield Township since we're not part of FEMA. Dean will contact them to see how we can get involved in the Federal Flood Insurance Program.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

BOARD COMMENTS: Inquiry if David Howard, on the Twp., Zoning Board was still in Township. Sowerby answered that he is.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm offered by Sowerby second by Riker approved per a voice call vote.

Linda L. VanHouten
Oakfield Township Clerk