

Board Meeting Minutes August 24th, 2020 7:00pm

Call to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Byl leading the Pledge of Allegiance, Board members present were Byl, Roland, Yarhouse, Farwell, and Irwin. Also, in attendance was Fire Chief Tubbs, Clare County Commissioner Dale Majewski.

Agenda: The meeting agenda for August 24th, 2020 was updated to correct the John Deere price reduction. Motion by Irwin, seconded by Farwell. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes July 27th, 2020 was made by Yarhouse, seconded by Roland. All ayes, motion carried.

Clerks report. Fund balance report for August was reviewed and a motion to approve was made by Roland, Supported by Irwin. All ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Motion to approve was made by Roland, supported by Farwell. Motion carried.

Fire Dept. Report: Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs reported in August was 37 incidents for a YTD total of 211 for 2020. 26-Medical; 3-fires; 2 illegal burns; 1-down power line; 2-PI; and 1-Road Hazard; 2-misc. He noted that Steve Irwin retired and Kevin Allen is back.

County Commissioner: Dale Majewski- Still having budget meetings and we're balanced. A 1-mill Gypsy Moth millage will be on the November ballot. Waste Management wants to rent some Harrison property owned by the County.

Friends of Garfield Parks-Barb Lijewski: All Depot windows are completed, except one and it is on order.. Sliding door is not done. Decided to donate \$13,000 to the development of Peterson Park. There are opportunities to donate picnic tables and/or benches and have a name plaque placed on them.

Candidates: DOUG JACOBSON. Running for the non-partisan Board of Trustees for MidMichigan Community College. He just finished a 6-year term. Mid has 2 campuses, offers classes to Highschool seniors. Spent \$12 million on improvements to the campus and paid 75% of this on savings from utilities. Need more students in Harrison, Mt Pleasant is really supporting the Harrison Campus. That's where the people are.

Blight Report: Byl reported on several properties and the citations to be issued to 2 of them, as well as some properties showing improvements.

Supervisors Notes: **a)** No word from the tax tribunal yet about Gray Lake, but it sounded good. **b)** The Tennis Court condition need to be sealed and painted for tennis and pickle ball. Power wash and relining will cost approx. \$2,700. Should be done professionally. The Pavilion should be resealed every couple of years. The township hall deck needs to be replaced. Have bids from \$4,000 to \$20,000. **c)** Tires at the Transfer Station, Butch has started cutting the tires in half, which eliminates a costly disposal. He can cut approx. 27 tires an hour. Spent \$62.00 on a grinder and \$10.00 for blades. **d)** John McLane doing surveys for Cold Springs and Peterson Park done soon. should have the certificates. **e)** Old trailer at cemetery, Randy Schaub would like to buy it for the axle, for \$25.00. Board said that would be fine.

Public Comment: GAY MESSIER. Bill Scheall said that during heavy rain, water floods over the Tennis Courts. Needs a drain.

THERESE GEIS: Peterson Park-Cold Springs. Various comments on parks and boats parked at Cold Springs in the middle of the shoreline to party. Walking on private property. Commented on High school students attending Mid classes. Juniors need classes as well as seniors.

KEITH KEELER: Appreciate park restrooms being cleaned. Tennis and Pickle Ball court is a good idea. Peterson Park has a good plan. I'm all for improving the community. It enhances our properties and community

Old Business: **a)** New computers and server up-grades. Who, on the Board, will take care of details, plans, server and upgrades. The Clerk requested upgrades to wait until after the election. Tabled until the November meeting. **b)** John Deere reduced price confirmed.

New Business:

a) Peterson Park-Ad Hoc committee proposing \$20,000 to improve to the park This project was started in 2018 with Phase 1 placing a power pole, adding concrete and a picnic table in 2020. Now continuing the project, the Friends Group will contribute \$13,000, the CLIA committee will add \$4,000 with \$3,000 from the township for parking lot, pavilion and benches. No grants are available. A letter from the supervisor explained the next step. A motion to approve the 5-Year Plan with the stated contributions was made by Farwell, supported by Byl. Roll Call Vote: Farwell-yes, Byl-yes, Roland-no, Irwin-Yes Yarhouse-yes. A few on the board approved of the motion, but stated they would prefer being notified about these projects at the start, not when they are ready to be voted on. The supervisor will sign a contract with Rowe Engineering. Memorial names can be placed on benches and tables donated to the township parks. A decision on a policy will be discussed at next month's meeting. **b)** Depot WIFI Hot Spot. Received a grant for \$500 for the Hot Spot. A motion for a Hot Spot separate account would be \$100 or less per month was made by Yarhouse, Supported by Farwell. Motion carried. Two residents volunteered to pay for a month of service. Keith Keeler, Mark Len Pilz and Mark Irwin. **c)** Township Credit Card. A sample credit card policy from MTA was distributed, even though we have a policy from our Sunoco card. The phone payment is now being billed. A decision on a policy will be discussed later.

Approval of bills. Motion by Yarhouse, seconded by Farwell. All ayes. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Yarhouse and supported by Farwell. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

David Byl, Supervisor

Joan E Farwell Clerk