

Claybanks Township

August 14, 2017

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, Freye, Eilers, Lombard and Rabe.

Agenda Additions – New Business A) Gift Card for Knapp's for Use of Canopy at Township Picnic

Minutes

(A) Approval of July 10, 2017 regular meeting minutes - David Rabe made a motion to approve the July 10, 2017 regular meeting minutes. Second by Dan Lombard. All in favor. Motion carried.

Accounts Payable

(A) Approve July Payables - It was noted that the Oceana County Road Commission Match Funds were not deducted from the Wilke Road bill. Mary Freye will have to get the exact amount of the match funds and reissue the check for the net amount. David Rabe made a motion to pay the general fund payables in the amount of 8,911.96; road improvement payables in the amount of \$30,000.00 less the match fund amount; and the park payables in the amount of \$10,678.98. Second by Dan Lombard. Rabe, yes; Freye, yes; Smith, yes, Eilers, yes; Lombard, yes. Motion carried.

Correspondence –Miscellaneous correspondence was reviewed.

Public Comment – Dave Borgeson of Michiwon Beach read a letter he sent to the Supervisor. The letter stated the questions he submitted to the Planning Commission did not make the survey. He thought it was advantageous for the township to look at a junk ordinance and the ability to use trailers for storage. He also felt that the last amendment made to the Zoning Ordinance should have used the word "shall" instead of "should" as this would be more enforceable verbage and should be consistent throughout the ordinance. He thought the township residents should support a junk ordinance and the people of Michiwon Beach would support the township board in this.

Art Grumm, Planning Commission Chairman, addressed some of these statements. He gave the reasoning as to why the word "should" instead of "shall or must" was used in regards to enforceability by the Zoning Administrator. Regarding junk, Art stated the township had an ordinance in the 70's and 80's and met with all sorts of grief. It has been brought up many times and rejected by the board because of the enforcement issue. Mason County has a junk ordinance. The townships agree to it and then the county enforces it. Oceana County was approached and rejected enforcing township junk ordinances because of enforcement issues. Mr. Borgeson feels it is just good business to have this type of ordinance. Art stated it was a messy issue to resolve at the township level. There was more discussion about trailers being used for storage in residential areas. Art stated the Planning Commission will meet on August 29 at 7:00 p.m. and invited Mr. Borgeson to attend and bring his concerns.

David Jones had a point on the Planning Commission survey. Members along the lakeshore felt that if they put down that they were not permanent residents, their response won't be considered. He also concurs with Mr. Borgeson that the word "shall" should be used in the Zoning Ordinance.

Reports

- (A) **Financial** – General Fund \$208,266.62; Fire Fund \$58,184.19; Road Improvement Fund \$52,095.20, Park Fund \$68,927.99.
- (B) **Zoning Administrator** – Report given by John Muchna. Issued five permits.
- (C) **Planning Commission** - Report given by Art Gramm. Art has only received 185 surveys so far and they are trickling in at only a couple per day. In 2006 he received 365 out of 600 that were mailed. So far roads are listed as the number one problem and junk second. The next meeting is August 29 at 7:00 p.m.
- (D) **Cemetery Committee** - Report given by Carol Royalty. Mowing occurred about a week ago. There is a stone and foundation that need to be reset.
- (E) **Park** - Report given by Jesse Cisneros. The number one question he gets asked is when are we going to replace the kid's play deck. He would like it to be the same size as the one we tore down with a slide on the front and back. Jesse stated the south pump is giving us problems. Denny Omness seems to think we can get by with it, but Jesse disagrees. He states we have had problems with it since he initially started at the park. Jesse would like to see a five inch well drilled with a submersible pump, 20 gallons per minute, which would take care of any future addition to the park. Security was helpful with the group of campers he had issues with last year. The jet ski group was also there that week and was bigger than he ever expected it to be. He was up until 3:30 a.m. one night. Jesse said there were also a lot of people coming into the park to watch the jet skiers, wondering where the spectator section was. This year the group brought someone who could fly up into the air, as well as an ultra-light. Most of the group did camp in the campground.

Unfinished Business

- (A) **Copier at the Town Hall** - Brenda Eilers did not have a chance to get one yet. She did find a Brother MSCL 2740 DW at Best Buy for \$199.99. We don't have an account at Best Buy, so she will need to pay for it herself and be reimbursed, or we can issue a check to send with her. Brenda Eilers made a motion to issue a check for \$199.99 to Best Buy for the above copier. Second by Dan Lombard. Rabe, yes; Eilers, yes; Smith, yes; Lombard, yes; Freye, yes. Motion carried.

New Business

- (A) **Truth-in-Taxation Hearing** - The board will hold the Truth-in-Taxation hearing on September 11 at 7:00 p.m., which is just before the regular board meeting.
- (B) **Gift Card for Knapps** - Brenda Eilers made a motion to purchase a \$50 gift card from Country Dairy for the Knapps in appreciation of their letting the township use their canopy for the township picnic. Second by David Rabe. Smith, yes; Rabe, yes; Freye, yes; Lombard, yes; Eilers, yes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Comments - Wilke Road has been resurfaced between 48th and 56th Avenues.

Adjournment - 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Freye, Clerk