

Claybanks Township

January 9, 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 E) Picnic Tables at the Park; F) Marijuana Dispensaries

Minutes

(A) Approval of December 12, 2016 regular meeting minutes - David Rabe made a motion to approve the December 12, 2016 regular meeting minutes. Second by Dan Lombard. All in favor. Motion carried.

Accounts Payable

(A) Amend the Budget - We are over budget in the General Fund Operating Expense due to unanticipated attorney fees. David Rabe made a motion to transfer \$15,000 from the Contingency Fund to the General Operating Expense. Second by Brenda Eilers. Rabe, yes; Freye, yes; Smith, yes; Eilers, yes; Lombard, yes. Motion carried. New Contingency Fund balance - \$11,515.06 and new General Operating Expense balance - \$45,000.00.

(B) Approve January Payables - Dan Lombard made a motion to approve the general fund payables in the amount of \$9,008.00, fire fund payables in the amount of \$18,000.00; and park payables in the amount of \$302.94. Second by David Rabe. Eilers, yes; Rabe, yes; Lombard, yes; Freye, yes; Smith, yes. Motion carried.

Correspondence –Miscellaneous correspondence was reviewed.

Public Comment – None

Reports

(A) Financial – General Fund \$144,884.06; Fire Fund \$51,081.46; Road Improvement Fund \$52,095.20, Park Fund \$56,123.81.

(B) Zoning Administrator – Report given by John Muchna. No permits issued. He did one land split. There was a question of whether a land split was needed to move a lot line between two adjoining properties, but different owners. The township board and Planning Commission Chairman, Art Grumm, were in agreement that a land split would be necessary for this.

(C) Planning Commission – Report given by Art Grumm. A schedule of the four required meetings will be set soon with the first one probably not being until May. As a side note, Art stated he talked to someone from Elbridge Township. When we were working on our Wind Turbine Ordinance Art made a presentation to their board. They have been hassling with it since that time and finally used our ordinance with a few tweaks. He also made a presentation to Mason County about the same time. They are now changing their ordinance to probably not allow any more in.

(D) Cemetery Committee - Nothing to report, per Art Grumm.

Unfinished Business

(A) Insurance Company Risk Control Visit - Brenda Eilers reported the risk control inspector came on December 30. He said our biggest risk was the park. The risk with

having cemeteries would be in burying someone in the wrong lot. He is going to mail or email his report. It has not been received yet.

- (B) **Non-Electric Campsite Upgrade Down Payment** - Gark Lankfer said a down payment was not necessary to hold the price of his quote. He will honor it in the spring, when we are ready for the work to be done.

New Business

- (A) **ZBA Appointment** - Roy Strait's term expires in February, 2017. Dick Smith tried to contact him to see if he would serve again no avail. He will speak with him and let us know at the February meeting
- (B) **Set Budget Workshop Date** - The board will meet on Monday, February 6, at 7:00 p.m. to work on the budget for the coming fiscal year. The budget hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on March 13, just prior to the regular meeting.
- (C) **Household Hazardous Waste Program** - David Rabe made a motion to participate in the Household Hazardous Waste Program in August, 2017 for a cost of \$275.00. Second by Brenda Eilers. Smith, yes; Rabe, yes; Lombard, yes; Eilers, yes; Freye, yes. Motion carried. The fee will not be paid until the new fiscal year.
- (D) **Review of Insurance Exposures** - Values on the forms provided by the insurance company were reviewed and corrections made. The forms will be signed and returned to the insurance company.
- (E) **Picnic Tables at the Park** - We need some new picnic tables. It seems we need to replace at least 5 or 6 tables every year. Mary Freye wondered if we got heavier duty tables if they would last longer. Dan Lombard said that heavier duty tables at Keehne's only come in six foot lengths and we need eight foot. Mary Freye will look at catalogs she receives in the mail and Dan Lombard will check other places to see what is available, along with prices, and report back at the February meeting.
- (F) **Marijuana Dispensaries** - Dick Smith brought an article about the change in Michigan law regarding marijuana dispensaries. Michigan municipalities now have the option of allowing them, or not. If no ordinance is adopted allowing them, they are automatically prohibited. Dick thought we should look into this further as we have two in our township. This would be something for the Planning Commission to look at when they meet in the spring. The article noted local municipalities that have and have not adopted ordinances. We will see if we can get a copy of a neighboring ordinance to review.

Supervisor Comments - None

Adjournment - 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Freye, Clerk