

Claybanks Township

January 8, 2018
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 C) Roll of Stamps for Assessor

Minutes

- (A) **Approval of December 11, 2017 regular meeting minutes** - Under Public Comment: Correct "March" CAFO to "Marsh" CAFO. Dan Lombard made a motion to approve the December 11, 2017 regular meeting minutes as amended. Second by David Rabe. All in favor. Motion carried.
- (B) **Approval of December 27, 2017 workshop meeting minutes** - David Rabe made a motion to approve the December 27, 2017 workshop meeting minutes. Second by Brenda Eilers. All in favor. Motion carried.

Accounts Payable

- (A) **Approve January Payables** - Dan Lombard made a motion to pay the general fund payables in the amount of \$8,054.47 and the park payables in the amount of \$529.45. Second by David Rabe. Smith, yes; Rabe, yes; Eilers, yes; Lombard, yes; Freye, yes. Motion carried.

Correspondence – Miscellaneous correspondence was reviewed.

Public Comment – State Rep. Scott VanSingel was present to provide an update of what is happening at the State level. He stated that the bill to reform auto insurance failed by approximately 10 votes. He explained what was trying to be done with this bill. There were some good bills passed for farmers. The 2015 road funding bill will be fully implemented in approximately three years. When it is fully implemented, Oceana County will see about a 40% permanent increase in funding. This will be for local roads and will be given to the Road Commission.

Bruce Ottenweiller and his wife were present and wanted to talk about the proposed CAFO. Mr. Ottenweiller would like the township to pass a resolution opposing the CAFO before the Wednesday night public hearing. He stated the CAFO goes against the Township Master Plan, which talks about our goals to maintain natural resources, as well as other protections that should be taken to make environmentally sound decisions. The board and planning commission chairman, Art Grumm, answered questions to the best of their ability. The board reiterated that the township has no say in whether the CAFO is approved, or not. This is all regulated by the State of Michigan.

Reports

- (A) **Financial** – General Fund \$188,013.45; Fire Fund \$40,184.19; Road Improvement Fund \$18,820.20, Park Fund \$52,855.29.
- (B) **Zoning Administrator** – Report given by John Muchna. Issued two permits. Mr. Muchna stated he has received an application for a setback variance for a house. A permit was previously issued to remodel the house, but when the owners got into it, they found they just need to tear it down. What they want to do does not meet setback requirements on more than one side. Plans were then looked at and it was agreed that the paperwork needs to be

delivered to ZBA Chairman, Rich Kessler, for processing. Mr. Muchna also told the board that he was turning in his time. He agreed to stay on until the board could find a replacement.

- (C) **Planning Commission** - Report given by Art Grumm. He is awaiting the board's review on proposed ordinances.
- (D) **Cemetery Committee** - No report given.

Unfinished Business

- (A) **Zoning Administrator Job Description** - The proposed job description was reviewed and one small wording change was made. David Rabe made a motion to adopt the proposed Zoning Administrator Job Description as amended. Second by Brenda Eilers. Rabe, yes; Freye, yes; Eilers, yes; Lombard, yes; Smith, yes. Motion carried. A copy of the job description will be included with these minutes in the minute book.
- (B) **Municipal Civil Infraction Proposed Ordinance** - Dan Lombard made a motion to table this until next month. Second by David Rabe. Eilers, yes; Lombard, yes; Smith, yes; Rabe, yes; Freye, yes. Motion carried.
- (C) **Medical Marijuana Facility Request** - David Rabe made a motion that we opt out of adopting any medical marijuana ordinance. Second by Dan Lombard. Freye, yes; Rabe, yes; Smith, yes; Lombard, yes; Eilers, yes. Motion carried.
- (D) **Website Update** - Brenda Eilers is still working on getting the link from BS&A to allow property tax information to be accessed online. She will get it to Ross Fichter as soon as she receives it. Mary Freye will get him the Trustee's email addresses. We will then be ready to launch.
- (E) **Solar Energy Farm Draft Ordinance** - David Rabe made a motion to table the solar energy farm draft ordinance until the February meeting. Rabe, yes; Freye, yes; Eilers, yes; Lombard, yes; Smith, yes. Motion carried.

New Business

- (A) **Budget Workshop Date** - The board will hold a budget workshop on February 22, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.
- (B) **Zoning Board of Appeals Appointments** - The terms of Rich Kessler, Reggie Smith and Peter Shlagor expire this month. Peter Shlagor was present at the meeting and is agreeable to serving another term. Dick Smith will contact Rich and Reggie. Appointments will be made at the February meeting.
- (C) **Roll of Stamps for Assessor** - David Rabe made a motion to issue a check to the Postmaster for one roll of stamps for the Assessor. Second by Brenda Eilers. Lombard, yes; Rabe, yes; Freye, yes; Smith, yes; Eilers, yes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Comments - None

Adjournment - 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Freye, Clerk