

Johnstown Township Minutes

13641 South M-37 Highway. Battle Creek Michigan 49017

Regular Board Meeting – Dec. 12, 2018 – 7:30 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Supervisor Barbara Earl, Clerk Sheri Babcock, Treasurer Karmen Nickerson, Trustee Jeff Warren, Trustee Deana Powell

Absent: None

Visitors: Eleven (11)

Agenda: A motion was made by Powell to approve the Agenda as presented. Seconded by Warren. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comments: (3 minutes per person):

- Resident Dan Allen expressed his thanks to all the township staff for the work they do.

Commissioner Report – Commission Heather Wing

- Heather Wing congratulated Trustee Deana Powell as the newest Board Member of Charlton Park.
- Jail project review is postponed until after the 1st of the year.
- Commissioners will have a couple more meetings December then will not meet until after the 1st of the year.
- Jan 2nd meeting of County Commissioners will include appointment of new officers.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Powell to approve the minutes of the Nov 14, 2018 Regular Board Meeting as presented. Seconded by Nickerson. All ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Karmen Nickerson

A motion was made by Warren to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Seconded by Powell. All ayes. Motion carried.

Fairview Drain – Drain Commissioner-Jim Dull, Engineer Brian Cenci

The board reviewed the final projected cost and scope of this project. Questions and answers were presented.

A motion was made by Warren to approve \$19,824.64 contribution from Johnstown Township towards the Road portion of this project. Seconded by Powell. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Powell to approve \$52,407.73 contribution from Johnstown Township towards the Drain portion of this project. Seconded by Warren. All ayes. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report – Sheri Babcock

FOIA Request: no response to date.

Mill Lake: Mill Lake Water Quality Monitoring Report is available for review.

Hall Rentals: December – busy month – 7 rentals

Building and Equipment:

- Furnace in the hall – We have an estimate from FHC to raise the HVAC system off the ground. In talking with them further, it was stated that as long as they were reworking duct work, they could install both a heat vent into the election room along with a cold air return. They would include this work with no increase in cost of the estimate.

A motion was made to accept the estimate from FHC to raise the HVAC system in the amount of \$4,860.00. Seconded by Nickerson. All ayes. Motion carried.

Currently we have a balance of \$5,731 in the repair budget which will cover this but we may need to have a budget modification at a later date.

- Projector has been replaced and is now working.
- It was determined that the HDMI wiring in the wall has also been damaged. The electrician will come back out in late January and I ask him also to give us an estimate on banking the lights so that the front lights can be turned out when using the projector.
- Furnace Humidifiers are still on order – a temporary small unit is in the kitchen. Not much help in raising the humidity levels.

Road Commission

- Budgeting meeting with the Road Commission is set up for Jan 16th at 2:30
- Dust Control – A company called “GJC” performed a test area in our township on Manning Lake Road with the use of Calcium Chloride. We will want to discuss this at the budgeting meeting.

Budget Modifications:

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| • 101.276.800.000 | Union Cemetery | -3420 | Move from Union to Sexton contract |
| • 101.276.801.000 | Contract Service-Sexton | +3420 | |

A motion was made Warren to approve this budget modification was presented. Seconded by Powell. All ayes. Motion carried.

Assessors Report – Joyce Foondle

- 4 Building permits
- 1 land division
- Michigan Tax Tribunal – hearing set for January 7, 2019
- Nothing new to report on Bristol Lake Weed Special Assessment.

Fire Report – Pete Dunn

- 22 incidents in November for a total of 294 for 2018
- 18 MFR, 1 natural gas line
- Training – Nov. 3 Extrication KCC, Nov 18 SCBA
- Personnel Change – 1 resignation. Thomas R. George resigned effective 12-12-18
- Current membership 18 active member, 4 probationary, 1 cadet
- Department Activity – participated in the Parade of Lights in Delton on Dec. 8th
- Baltimore Township – request to expand service to Baltimore Township or part of the township to be declined. A notice was made in the property tax bills to contact Pete if they were interested in become a volunteer and work with Johnstown township. No response. A motion was made by Powell to decline this service. Seconded by Warren. All ayes. Motion carried.

Next Quarterly Board Meeting of the Township Board/Fire Department – January 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Board of Review: Need to appoint members of the Board of Review for 2019 to include Roy Thunder, Mike Cole, Rob Garrett, and Bob Dirmeyer.

A motion was made by Powell to accept the Board of Review members, seconded by Warren. All ayes, Motion carried. All Board of Review members will need to see the clerk to administer the oath.

Proposed Ordinance #18 – Prohibition of Recreational Marihuana Establishments Ordinance

A motion was made by Powell to enact Ordinance #18 – Prohibition of Recreational Marihuana Establishments in Johnstown Township as presented. Seconded by Warren.

All five board members were present and roll call vote results– Warren-yes, Powell-Yes, Babcock-yes, Nickerson-Yes, Earl-yes.

The supervisor declared the ordinance to be adopted as presented on December 12, 2018. The effective date will be 30 days after the publication date. Publication of this ordinance will appear in the Hastings Reminder.

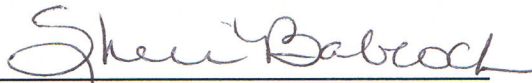
Farm Land Preservation: Received from Halbert Farms – will be delivered to the County for processing.

Pay Bills: A motion was made by Powell to pay the bills in the amount of \$21,969.02 as presented. Seconded by Warren. All ayes. Motion carried.

Additional Citizen's Comments: None

Adjournment: A motion was made by Warren to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m. Seconded by Powell. All ayes. Motion carried.

Attested to by:
Barbara Earl, Supervisor


Sheri Babcock, Clerk

Next Quarterly Board/Fire Meeting is January 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Next Regular Board Meeting: Jan 9, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.