

Regular Board Meeting for Mills Township

Tuesday April 9, 2019

7:00 Meeting called to order

Stand for the Pledge

Roll Call Present: Amy Hoover, Alan Wendt, Dan Bloom, Sara Pitch, Kim Sweet

Residents present: Tim Metzger, Al Mason, Marilyn Greene, Karol Miller, Connie Carlton, Deb Bloom, Kevin & Debbie Cuthbertson, Jay St. John, Leah Olsen-Perry, Jodie Fath, Lisa Douglas & Kathy Burlingame

Agenda Approval: Pitch made a motion to accept the Agenda with the addition of Items D, E, and F in New Business, supported by Wendt All in favor, Motion carried

Minutes: Pitch made a motion to accept the Regular Board Meeting Minutes from March 12, 2019 as written, supported by Bloom. All in favor, Motion carried

Introduction of Guest: No guests

Public Comments:

Comment: Any updates on Maxine? Will she be repaying any of the money?

Answer: She has a plea agreement April 24, 2019 at 4:15 p.m. Repayment is up to the prosecutor's office. The board has made it clear that we are seeking full restitution, whatever way possible. The Township may be able to take civil action.

Comment: What steps have been taken to ensure this doesn't happen again?

Answer: The Clerk and the Treasurer are working together as a team. All invoices are being delivered to the hall instead of Maxine's house and the invoices along with the checks are brought to the board meeting to be viewed and approved. Each check does require 2 signatures.

Treasurers Report: Balances as of April 1, 2019

- A. General Fund Checking- \$124,570.03
- B. Roads -\$45,586.11
- C. Fire Fund Checking-\$11,163.48
- D. Fire Fund Savings-\$85,554.59
- E. Solid Waste Checking-\$ 62,649.03
- F. Solid Waste C.D.-\$21,148.36
- G. Current Tax- \$1.34
- H. Water Assessment- \$14,783.71
- I. Water Debt Service- \$52,770.83
- J. Water Tax Revenue- \$307.60

Bloom moved to accept the Treasurer's report supported by Sweet. All in favor, Motion carried

Clerks Report: Presentation of Claims:

- A. General Fund- Check #13354-13376- Total \$5,084.08
- B. Fire Fund- Check #6793-6827- Total \$5,874.08
- C. Solid Waste Fund- Check # 1555 for 9,256.50
- D. Debt. Service Water Fund- transferred \$67,593.75 that was electronically withdrawn by the USDA to cover our yearly obligation on April 1, 2019
Pitch moved to pay the Claims as stated, supported by Wendt
Bloom asked if anyone would like to see the claims- no one did
Roll Call Yes - Hoover, Wendt, Bloom, Pitch, Sweet Motion Carried.

Committee Reports:

- A. Assessor's Report: None
- B. Supervisor's Report: Letter from The Dept. of Natural Resources about properties for proposed oil and gas lease. If anyone is interested see Bloom

We are in need of some more trash and recycling bins. Bloom will check with Gary about getting more to replace the broken and damaged ones

- C. Fire Dept. Report: Fire Chief Metzger read his Report:
42 total responses for 2019, with 11 calls since last meeting. No mutual aid calls and 1 public safety education class since last meeting

Dept. Activities:

- 1. Department Inventory being worked on
- 2. Updated medical license received
- 3. Truck maintenance including DOT and pump tests are complete with the exception of the brakes on 820
- 4. 6 yr. SCBA Fit testing scheduled for May 6th
- 5. Memorial Presbyterian plaque has been presented and Schauman plaque will be presented next week
- 6. Vaccination updates are being looked at for all members
- 7. Memorial Presbyterian and Schauman Plaque Presentations
- 8. Plans are underway for a Fall Safety Open House
- 9. The county has been doing some grading and all roads are accessible for the fire trucks at this time

Requests:

- 1. To send 5 firefighters to the Spring SE Michigan Fire Expo for a cost of no more than \$275.
 - 2. To replace a chainsaw for a cost of no more than \$520 from Ebels Hardware.
- Motion made by Pitch to grant Fire Chief Metzger's requests, supported by Bloom.
Roll Call Yes- Hoover, Wendt, Bloom, Pitch, Sweet Motion Carried.

- D. Planning: No meeting last month, next meeting April 18th .
- E. Code Authority: Things running smoothly. Next meeting is April 25th at 5 p.m. at the County Building 1st Floor Conference Room.
- F. Water: Compiling the 15 names for the samples of the water for DEQ

Correspondence to the Board: Mineral rights letter as addressed earlier. Michigan Workers Compensation Fund requesting figures for the 2019 year. Ferrell gas is requesting a tax exempt form be returned for the 2019 year.

Petitions to the Board: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

- A. Marihuana Facilities Ordinance: Ordinance was read. Motion made by Bloom to adopt Ordinance #4919-1 Marihuana Facilities Ordinance: Mills Township, Midland, MI, supported by Pitch. No discussion
Roll Call Yes: Hoover, Wendt, Bloom, Pitch, Sweet Motion Carried
- B. The Cost Savings Resolution: This will allow the Treasurer, Sarah Pitch and Clerk, Kim Sweet to pay the bills for Century Link phone provider and Blue Water Fuel Management before the township board meeting in an effort to save money. Discussion was held. Motion made by Pitch to accept The Cost Savings Resolution, supported by Bloom.
Roll Call Yes: Hoover, Wendt, Bloom, Pitch, Sweet Motion Carried.
- C. Servinski Sod: No change in the prices this year. The price quote is for the 2019 grounds maintenance at the Community Bldg. and the Hall. Motion made by Wendt to accept the quote, supported by Pitch. No discussion
Roll Call Yes: Hoover, Wendt, Bloom, Pitch, Sweet Motion Carried.
- D. Blight Ordinance infraction: Bob Butters at 2547 E. Baker Rd, running a business out of there with no permit from the township. Motion made by Bloom to have the authority to use the township attorney and if possible ticket the rightful owner, supported by Pitch.
Roll Call Yes: Hoover, Wendt, Bloom, Pitch, Sweet Motion Carried.
- E. Committee Recommendations: The committee is asking that a guideline be in writing for the procedure of checks and balances for paying the bills. Discussion was held. Sweet and Pitch will adopt a resolution on the procedure for doing this.
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- F. Computer for the Treasurer: The computer is 10 years old and needs to be replaced. It will no longer be able to be updated after Nov. 2019. Motion made by Wendt to allow Pitch to get quotes for a new computer, supported by Bloom.
Roll Call Yes- Hoover, Wendt, Bloom, Pitch, Sweet Motion Carried

Board Comments:

New Website is up and running at millstownship.org.

Public Comments:

Comment: Hall rental price increase, can we adjust the price for residents?

Answer: The price needed to be increased in order to cover the expense of the hall. The hall is rented free for funeral dinners, scouts and 4H.

Comment: Are we staying with Yeo & Yeo auditors?

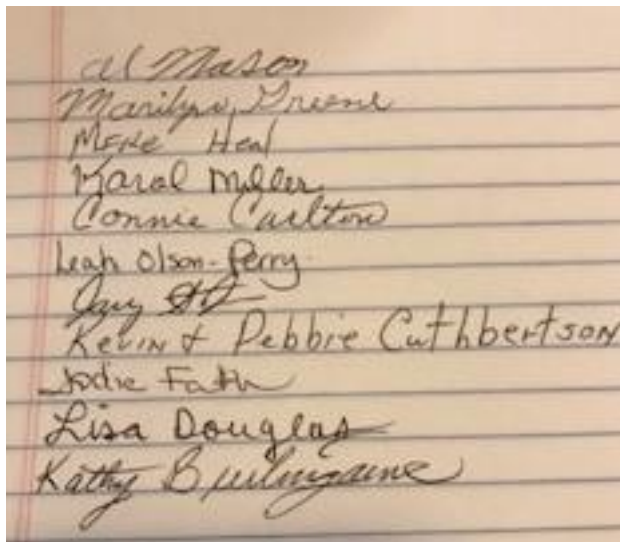
Answer: We will be looking at other auditors before the next audit is due.

Comment: Do we have a Windmill Ordinance?

Answer: Yes it is in our Zoning Ordinance: Ordinance 85 for commercial and residential properties.

Adjournment:

Bloom moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m., supported by Pitch Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.



A photograph of a piece of lined paper with handwritten names in cursive. The names are listed vertically from top to bottom: Al Mason, Marilynn Greene, Mervyn Heal, Maral Miller, Connie Carlton, Leah Olson-Ferry, Jay St., Kevin & Pebbie Cuthbertson, Jodie Fath, Lisa Douglas, and Kathy B. Bulgerane.

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