

**Regular Board Meeting for Mills Township
Tuesday January 14, 2020**

7:00 p.m. 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, Roland Brink, Kevin & Debbie Cuthbertson, Clyde Hoover, and Mike Head

Agenda Approval: Pitch made a motion to accept the Agenda with the additions of E. Laptop and printer for Clerk supported by Hoover All in favor Motion Carried

Minutes: Pitch made a motion to accept the minutes from December 10, 2019 as written, supported by Wendt. All in favor, Motion carried.

Introduction of Guests: None

Public Comments: None

Treasurers Report: Balances as of January 1, 2020

- A. General Fund Checking-\$146,622.22
- B. General Fund Savings (new account) \$32,634.62
- C. Roads -\$47,458.54
- D. Fire Fund Checking-\$73,759.41
- E. Fire Fund Savings-\$42,802.77
- F. Solid Waste Checking-\$ 10,760.07
- G. Solid Waste Savings (new account) \$55,649.03
- H. Current Tax- \$163,403.25
- I. Water Assessment- \$5,558.63
- J. Water Debt Service- \$122,169.64
- K. Water Tax Revenue- \$32,643.76

Treasurer's report received

Clerks Report: Presentation of Claims:

- A. General Fund- Check #13593-13622 - Total \$18,086.99
- B. Fire Fund- Check #6969-6981 - Total \$3,190.56
- C. Solid Waste Fund- Check # 1568 Total \$9,256.50
Republic Waste will be increasing their rate to \$13.79 per unit starting Jan. 20th
Pitch moved to pay the Claims as stated, supported by Bloom
Roll Call Yes - Hoover, Wendt, Bloom, Pitch, Sweet Motion Carried.

Committee Reports:

- A. Assessor's Report:** Assessor has 3 resolutions she would like presented to the board
- B. Supervisor's Report:** Meeting Answer Heating tomorrow to have the Hall's furnace blower replaced. Took photos of the property owned by Butter's Trucking: a residential property that has not been zoned commercial; Also looking into a Tire Fence on a property on Baker Road. Will be sending out Blight letters this month.
- C. Fire Dept. Report:** Fire Chief Metzger read his Report:
149 total responses for 2019 (Up 25% from last year), 18 responses since last meeting; 5 total responses for 2020: 2 Mutual Aid calls and 1 Public Safety Education class since last meeting
Dept. Activities:
 - 1. 2020 training schedule is completed
 - 2. 2019 Year End Report will be presented at the Feb. Board Meeting
 - 3. Two firefighters are being groomed to fill the vacant Medical & Training Officer positions
 - 4. Department inventory is being worked on
 - 5. \$2150 has been donated to fund the Year End Awards and Appreciation Banquet (Feb. 8, 2020)
 - 6. Annual Firefighter Team Building Event was held December 16th
 - 7. Would like to Thank Beer & Brats for donating the food for the team building event and for treating the Mills and Larkin Fire Dept. to breakfast once a month.

Department requests:

- 1. To purchase two sets of Turnout Gear for a cost not to exceed \$5000.

Bloom made a motion to grant the request as stated, supported by Pitch No Discussion

Roll Call Yes - Hoover, Wendt, Bloom, Pitch, Sweet Motion Carried

D. Planning: Meeting January 16, 2020

E. Code Authority: Slowed down, Posting the 2020 Meeting dates tonight. There is a special meeting Jan. 16th to discussing job descriptions for inspectors and office managers. Next meeting Jan. 23rd at 5 p.m. at the County Building 1st Floor Conference Room.

F. Water Report: None

Correspondence to the Board: None

Petitions to the Board: None

Old Business:

A. MTA Conference April 27-30: Motion made by Bloom to allow any board members wanting to attend the MTA Annual Conference (Traverse City) to have expenses and per diems paid, supported by Pitch. Roll Call Yes - Hoover, Wendt, Bloom, Pitch, Sweet Motion Carried.

New Business:

- A.** Resolution #11420-1 A waiver of penalty and interest for untimely filed property transfer affidavits. Bloom made a motion to adopt Resolution #11420-1 A waiver of penalty and interest for untimely filed property transfer affidavits as stated in the resolution, supported by Pitch Discussion held Roll Call Yes - Hoover, Wendt, Bloom, Pitch, Sweet Motion Carried
- B.** Resolution #11420-2: Guideline Resolution for Poverty Exemption. Motion made by Bloom to approve the Resolution #11420-2: Guideline Resolution for Poverty Exemption as stated in the resolution, supported by Hoover. Roll Call Yes- Hoover, Wendt, Bloom, Pitch, Sweet Motion Carried.
- C.** Property Tax Exemption Resolution: After Discussion Resolution for a Charitable Property Tax Exemption was tabled for clarification by the Assessor. Roll Call Yes - Hoover, Wendt, Bloom, Pitch, Sweet Motion Carried
- D.** Blight Issues: 2547 & 3165 Baker Rd, 2044 Shaffer Rd & Living conditions for properties on Sturgeon & Eastman Rd. Bloom is sending letters and writing tickets if necessary, for the blight and he will contact the Health Dept and AI about the living conditions.
- E.** Laptop and Printer for Clerk: Discussion was held and permission was given to Sweet to contact Henry at Compucom for prices on a laptop and printer for the clerk to present at the Feb. Board meeting

Board Comments:

Comment Pitch: Need to set Budget Workshop, Discussion: Budget Workshop set for Feb. 25th 7 p.m. at the Township Hall

Comment Wendt: Fire Department did a great job on the big storms we had, Thank you

Public Comments:

Comment: Can you expound on the Veteran's Exemption: If you are deemed a disabled veteran by the US Government then your property tax is exempt by whatever your percentage is of disability, example 100% disabled-100% exempt, 50% disabled-50% exempt

Adjournment: Bloom moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m., supported by Wendt Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.