

Minutes of REGULAR MEETING

Held July 9, 2013

7:00 PM

TOWNSHIP OF MARATHON

Dawn Johnson, Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Supervisor Moorhouse led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Fred Moorhouse

Sandi Glesenkamp

Dawn Johnson (left the meeting at 7:45 pm)

Karen Webber

Jim Chaffer

Others in attendance see attached sign in sheet.

AGENDA Johnson made a motion, supported by Glesenkamp to approve the agenda. All AYES. Motion carried.

MINUTES Glesenkamp made a motion, supported by Webber to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held June 11, 2013. All AYES. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT accepted into record

PUBLIC COMMENT Frank and Bev Clark 5305 North Lake Rd were in attendance to express their concerns over the possible land acquisition for a township park on Hollenbeck Rd. The Board entered into discussion with the Clarks and explained to them that many of the concerns they raised was due to misinformation being spread. Moorhouse indicated a letter would be sent to them if interested, advising them of an informational meeting to be held once the results of the grant application come back from the MDNR.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

At 7:20 pm, Moorhouse made a motion, supported by Glesenkamp to adjourn the regular meeting and convene into a hearing for two dangerous building violations. All Yeas. Motion carried.

Hearing for dangerous building-Howard The Howards did not attend the meeting and did not send a representative in their absence. According to Joe Israel, Township Building Inspector, the Howard property meets 3 out of the 6 definitions for which the township considers a dangerous building. 2004 was the last time a permit was pulled for the property. The Howards have 20 days to set up a preliminary inspection and pay for an \$80.00 inspection fee to find out what is necessary to bring the structure into compliance with the township ordinances.

Hearing for dangerous building-Ryckman Ryckmans were not present at the meeting. Linda Ward, 9271 Irish Rd, who stated she is part owner of the property with the Ryckmans was present as representative for the property. Ryckman's property meets 3 out of the 6 definitions for which the township considers a dangerous building. Linda Ward explained to the board that Ryckmans walked away from the property as Mr Ryckman passed away. Ward has been going through hardship herself. Ward gutted the house to help get it back in order. Ward is asking for time to bring it up to compliance. Ward gave the Board copies of the deed to property indicating that the Ryckmans are owners of the property. The property owners have 20 days to set up a preliminary inspection and pay an \$80.00 inspection fee to find out what is necessary to bring the

structure into compliance with the township ordinances. The Board asked Ward to bring proof of ownership when she applies for inspection.

At 8:04 pm, Glesenkamp made a motion, supported by Moorhouse to adjourn the dangerous building hearing and reconvene the board meeting. All AYES. Motion carried.

RYCKMAN - Moorhouse made a motion, supported by Webber to give the Ryckmans 20 days to contact the township and apply for a preliminary inspection to get the property back into compliance. Linda Ward also needs to show proof of ownership if she applies for the preliminary inspection. Roll call vote was taken. AYES Glesenkamp, Johnson-absent, Webber, Chaffer, Moorhouse Nays None. Motion carried.

HOWARD - Moorhouse made a motion, supported by Chaffer to give Howards 20 days to contact the township and apply for a preliminary inspection to find out what is necessary to bring the structure into compliance. At that time the Howards will need to make a decision to either repair, demolish or make the structure safe and sound. Roll call vote was taken. AYE Johnson-Absent, Webber, Chaffer, Moorhouse, Glesenkamp. Nays None. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution to authorize bond purchase Glesenkamp made a motion, supported by Chaffer to adopt the bond resolution to fund the road paving projects. Roll call vote was taken. Moorhouse, Glesenkamp, Johnson, Weber, Chaffer. All AYES motion carried.

Cliff Barton-notification of annual party Moorhouse made a motion, supported by Chaffer to suspend the noise ordinance for his annual party on August 3rd, 2013. All AYES. Motion carried.

Foreclosed properties availability Glesenkamp made a motion, supported by Chaffer to waive the Township's first right to refusal on the properties at 3838 Burnside Rd and lot 2 at Roots Acres. All AYES. Motion carried.

APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS

Glesenkamp made a motion, supported by Webber to approve warrants 8511-8517, 8519-8532,8534-8548,8555 in the amount of \$28,888.51 from general fund and warrants 5674-5681 in the amount of \$1,639.43 from building department fund. Roll call vote was taken. Webber, Chaffer, Moorhouse, Glesenkamp, Johnson-absent. All AYES motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM

Submitted by _____
Dawn D Johnson, Clerk

Approved by _____ date _____
Fred Moorhouse, Supervisor