

Minutes of REGULAR MEETING

Held November 10th, 2015

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, Supervisor
Sandi Glesenkamp, Treasurer
Dawn Johnson, Clerk
Karen Webber, Trustee
Jim Chaffer, Trustee

Others in attendance see attached sign in sheet.

AGENDA Glesenkamp made a motion, supported by Webber to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of Wex Bank and MTFA budget to new business. All AYES. Motion carried.

MINUTES Glesenkamp made a motion, supported by Chaffer to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held Oct 13th, 2015. All AYES. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT The financial report was accepted into record.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Valentine, Township Assessor, reported that Marie Deline ,6401 Willets Road, has a conflict with the legal description on her property that is keeping her from getting a loan for a new roof. A 1.19 acre parcel was purchased from Charles Oliver Sr. back in the 90's. Only 2 acre parcels are allowed per the township zoning ordinance, so the Oliver's came to the ZBA to ask for a variance. The ZBA declined the request. Somehow the property was entered into the assessing system as a 2 acre parcel and the Delines have been paying taxes on the property since its purchase. The legal description says she only owns 1.19 and because of the discrepancy, the bank will not loan money to fix the roof until it is corrected. Valentine would like the Board to take up the matter and decide whether they would be willing to override the ZBA decision, so the legal description can be corrected. Chaffer made a motion, supported by Moorhouse, to override the decision of the ZBA and change the property's legal description so that it is correctly represented. This will be based on an opinion from the Township Attorney that the Board has authority to do so. Johnson added under further discussion, that a signed statement will be required of Marie Deline, holding the township harmless. Roll call vote was taken. AYES Moorhouse, Glesenkamp, Johnson, Webber, Chaffer. NAYS None. Motion carried.

Cheryl Clark, County Commissioner. The budget is finished. The special election held earlier this month is costing roughly \$120,000.00 countywide. Cheryl is seeking a grant to work on keeping kids in school.

Tim Fagin, MSP Community Service Trooper, introduced himself to the Board. He will be working Lapeer and Sanilac Counties

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Park meeting Jan 27th, 2016 at Community Center The Board confirmed that this date would be acceptable for holding an information meeting for the public regarding the progress of the parkland acquisition.

Weed ordinance The Board discussed the weed ordinance, but held off taking action until a later date, after conferring with our attorney.

NEW BUSINESS

Well Connect presentation Darren Mossman gave the Board a brief presentation of the geo-thermal heating systems that his company installs.

Fire Authority Budget The Fire Authority budget must be amended. Glesenkamp presented the amended budget. Glesenkamp made a motion, supported by Webber to accept the amended budget. Roll call vote was taken. AYES Glesenkamp, Johnson, Webber, Chaffer, Moorhouse. NAYS None. Motion carried.

Wex Bank Johnson reported that she would like to look into using another credit card for the police car gas. The turnaround on the Wex Bank bill is so short and the mail so unreliable anymore that the township is consistently paying late fees. The Board agreed this is a good idea.

APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS

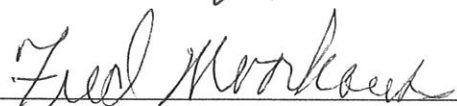
Webber made a motion, supported by Chaffer to approve warrants 9813-9863 in the amount of \$55,882.72 from general fund and warrants 5864-5871 in the amount of \$4,620.60 from the building fund. Roll call vote was taken. AYE. Johnson, Webber, Chaffer, Moorhouse, Glesenkamp. NAYS None. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS Jim Chaffer updated the board on the Trailway and the structural problems that are occurring at the Columbiaville trailhead. Chaffer plans to resign from his position on the Management Council in April.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM

Submitted by 
Dawn D Johnson, Clerk

Approved by 
Fred Moorhouse, Supervisor

date 1/25/2016