Minutes of REGULAR MEETING (work session)

Held Oct 28, 2015

1:00 PM

TOWNSHIP OF MARATHON

DAWN JOHNSON, CLERK

#### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 9:20 AM by Supervisor Moorhouse.

# **BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

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

## OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Michael Gildner, Township Attorney
Mike Alexander, Zoning Enforcement Officer

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Glesenkamp made a motion, supported by Webber to approve the agenda as presented. All AYES. Motion carried.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

# Zoning issues - Discussion with Attorney Gildner

Jeremy Johnson The township has a temporary order to enter the property to clean it up. It will convert to a permanent injunction

**Cheryl Jones** Attorney Gildner has asked the Court to remove Cheryl Jones and her husband from the property. He is awaiting the decision from the Judge.

**Charles Oliver** Nothing that Mr. Oliver told Attorney Gildner at the last court date regarding selling the property to Deanna Byrd has come to fruition. Mike will send a follow up letter to Mr. Oliver to remind him of what he said he would do.

**Cliff Gilbert** It was discovered that Cliff Gilbert is still the owner of this property. Even though the township was told Rick Scheiber had purchased the property, it has not been transferred to his name. Therefore he can not do anything about taking out a permit for demolition of the trailer in his name.

**Terry Montney.** The building is deteriorating and the property maintenance code applies here. We will have Joe Israel, Building Inspector make another visit and summarize what needs to be done to bring the property into compliance. Attorney Gildner will write a letter to reiterate the findings and give Mr. Montney a warning of impending legal action.

George Johns The Johns property is getting out of hand again with several new vehicles showing up. Moorhouse and Mike Alexander will call and make an appointment to meet with George to make sure his vehicles are licensed and insured..

Schlosser/Moore Attorney Gildner has advised that the township has no way of enforcing the zoning ordinance on this issue and that it is really a civil matter between the two property owners.

Justin Church The pole barn that was started has been tagged by the Building Inspector as no permits were pulled. A building code violation letter will be sent.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Park land acquisition The Buntings and the township have come to an agreement on the selling price of the property. The Board set January 27, 2016 as the date for a public meeting to advise the township residents of the future plans for the park land.

Rick Rhein partnership The Board discussed checking with Rick Rhein to see what he would charge to provide the township the service of picking up tires and other large pieces of debris left in ditches and along roadways, as they appear on his route through the township. Moorhouse will contact Rick to see what type of partnership the two entities could agree upon.

Weed ordinance The Board discussed the approval of a weed ordinance that would allow the township to publish its intent to enforce the weed ordinance by March of each year. Questions arose in a couple areas that the board asked Attorney Gildner to look into and report back. We will revisit this issue at a future board meeting.

New zoning ordinance The review and revision of the Zoning Ordinance 100 is well under way. The Planning Commission has been holding monthly meetings to update the ordinance. Moorhouse would like to get an opinion from the attorney before the Board makes its final approval.

Snow removal for winter 2015-16 The Board agreed to continue with Mike's Excavating as our snow removal provider for 2015-16. The prices will remain the same as in the 2014-15 season.

Approval of a new Electrical inspector The Board met with Tim Lipka, who has made application to replace Bill Lang as the township's Electrical Inspector. Glesenkamp made a motion, supported by Webber to hire Tim as the township Electrical Inspector. Roll call vote was taken. AYES Moorhouse, Glesenkamp, Johnson, Webber, Chaffer NAYS None. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm

Approved by Fred Moorhouse, Supervisor