

Minutes of REGULAR MEETING (work session)

Held October 1, 2014

8:30 AM

TOWNSHIP OF MARATHON

DAWN JOHNSON, CLERK

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM by Supervisor Moorhouse.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA Webber made a motion, supported by Glesenkamp to approve the agenda as presented

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Franchise agreement The Board is struggling, trying to understand what the franchise agreement says and what it is trying to accomplish. We will put it on the next township board meeting for further discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

Salary commission appointment Don Buckley has resigned from the Salary Compensation Commission. He has moved from the township. Moorhouse is looking for another person to appoint.

Master Plan mapping Mark Eidelson contacted Johnson to let the township know that the Orchard, Hilts, & McCliment, the firm hired to update the maps for the Master Plan is charging additional fees to update the maps because of the time that has lapsed since the initial maps were prepared. Much discussion ensued. Moorhouse made a motion supported by Webber to pay up to \$1200.00 for the additional costs associated with making the maps accurate. All YEAS. Motion carried.

2015 calendars Glesenkamp presented the Board an opportunity to order 2015 calendars that can be used for new residents moving into the township and for handouts to our Commission and Boards. It was a consensus of the Board that it would be a good idea to order fifty (50) calendars.

Fire authority special assessment Discussion took place on the 10% Fire Authority special assessment that would be added to the 2014 tax roll. This was previously approved by the Board with the 2014-15 budget authorization. Moorhouse indicated he was having trouble justifying the increase without a public hearing. His rationale for this thinking is that the Fire Authority collected an unusual amount of money from DTE for the ice storm that took place in December. Because of this, the budget is looking pretty healthy for the next year. Glesenkamp noted that although there is extra money right now, there is much equipment that needs to be purchased, the First Responders are going to start receiving compensation for the first time and a new fire truck is needed in Columbiaville. Glesenkamp will talk to the rest of the Fire Board to see what they think about holding off on an additional assessment for next year.

Lake Property zoning Tom Valentine, Township Assessor discussed the variance requests that continue to be a problem on the lake property lots with the zoning applications that are currently in place. Tom will present this to the Planning Commission and ask them to put it on their agenda, starting with the rejected zoning ordinance of a few years ago as a reference.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am

Submitted by _____
Dawn D Johnson, Clerk

Approved by Fred Moorhouse date _____
Fred Moorhouse, Supervisor