

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2020, 7:00 P.M.  
FOSTER TOWNSHIP HALL  
1968 CLEAR LAKE RD, WEST BRANCH, MI 48661**

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Miller at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call, Shirey; Miller; Holko; McIntyre, present Brenner, absent.

Motion by Shirey, supported by Holko, to approve February minutes, the motion carried.

Motion by Holko, supported by Miller, to approve Budget Work meeting minutes, the motion carried.

Motion by Holko, supported by Miller to approve Election Commission meeting minutes, the motion carried.

Treasurer report received and filed.

Blight Officer Coleman reported that no ticket was issued on the complaint on Longue. Trailer does have trash and furniture laying around it will look into it after the snow is gone.

Commissioner Scott reported on county business.

Fire Department Chief Barrett reported a wildland fire training will be held in Rose City this month. America Red Cross is giving out fire detectors. Motion by Miller, supported by Holko to purchase turnout pants for \$675.00.

Supervisor Miller reported on the Longue complaint the Sheriff department and Health Department checked it out and nothing was there. Trailer will have to be removed in the spring.

Library report on file.

Motion by Miller, supported by Brenner, to amend the General Fund Budget as presented; see attached resolution; roll call vote, Shirey, aye, Holko, aye, Miller, aye, Brenner, aye, and McIntyre, aye; the motion carried 5 ayes. 0 nay.

Clerk mentioned that the Go Daddy website platform is very old and needs to be upgraded. The cost would be around \$750.00. Motion by Brenner, supported by Holko, to hire Colleen Van Goethem to do the Township website using Wex.com. The monthly cost for the Wex is \$8.50 a month, the motion carried. Colleen reported she would not charge the township for creating the website.

Budget Hearing will be held Monday, March 16, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Shirey brought up the letter to the editor from Tim O'Rourke Coalition member on developing a trade school at Kirtland's Roscommon campus. They are requesting letters in support of the trade schools to help get students the training for electrician, plumbers, heating, etc.

Discussion was held on the post office box renewal, motion by Brenner, supported by Miller to get a locking mail box for the treasurer and install it at the township hall, roll call vote; Shirey, aye, Holko, nay, Miller, aye, Brenner, aye, and McIntyre, aye; the motion carried 4 ayes, 1 nay.

Bids were received for flooring the township hall, Chris Jones, \$3025.00 and Casey Alford, \$3188.00, motion by McIntyre to hire Casey Alford, supported by Holko, roll call vote, Shirey, aye, Holko, aye, Miller, aye, Brenner, nay, and McIntyre, aye; the motion carried 4 ayes, 1 nay.

Bids were received for painting the township hall, Jason Benchmark \$2785.00 and Dave Dean \$2000.00, motion by Holko to hire Dave Dean, supported by Shirey, roll call vote, Shirey, aye, Holko, aye, Miller, aye, Brenner, aye, and McIntyre, aye; the motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nay.

Motion by Miller, supported by Lauwers, to accept the 5-year service and support contract with Election source for \$385.00, the motion carried.

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Discussion was held on the BS&A Fund Accounting software switching from Pontem over to BS&A. Pontem will no longer be hosting the payroll software beginning January 1, 2021. Tabled until later.

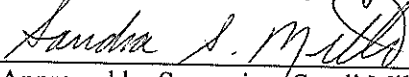
Clerk mentioned she received the check from Verizon for the expenses incurred on trying to get the tower.

Motion by Brenner, supported by Miller, to pay bills presented from the Clerk, the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes prepared by,

  
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Karen McIntyre, Township Clerk

  
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Approved by Supervisor Sandi Miller