

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 13, 2018, 7:00 P.M.  
FOSTER TOWNSHIP HALL  
1968 CLEAR LAKE RD, WEST BRANCH, MI 48661**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Miller with the pledge to the flag. Roll call of officers, Shirey, Lauwers, Miller and McIntyre, Brenner, absent.

Motion by Lauwers, supported by Shirey, to approve January minutes, the motion carried.

Treasurer report given with \$455,037.48

Assessor Allison Thompson reported assessment changes will be in the mail at the end of the month. If you disagree with the assessment changes please go to Board of Review in March.

Commissioner Craig Scott reported the county commissioner's approved the transit's budget. The Register of Deeds scanning program is working well. EDC asked for \$5,000, the commissioners agreed to give them the money. USDA went to check the Nature Park and its doing very well. On the August primary ballot there will be a MSU millage, along with Veterans and EMS renewal millage.

Chief Keith reported one ORV accident in January. The ladders came in, still looking for card maker. Home Depot of Houghton Lake donated a grill to the Clear Lake Fire department.

Supervisor Miller read the investigation report; Our investigation with allegations against the fire chief with drinking at meetings and fire scenes have found no documentation of said instances, without proof the township board cannot take action against the fire chief. After talking with our attorney, and MTA it was strongly recommended that the Foster Township Board come up with policies for the Clear Lake Fire Department on alcohol/drugs. The board will be adopting an alcohol/drug policy along with equipment return policy and more policies to follow. On the OSHA violations, the current chief has taken care of them.

Motion by Miller, that Board of Review changed dates are March 14 & 15, supported by Lauwers, the motion carried.

Library report-Shirey reported that the library will be going for a renewal in August.

Resolution motion to increase the Supervisor salary to \$8874.36 in parity with Clerk & Treasurer, Motion by McIntyre, supported by Shirey, roll call vote, Shirey, aye, Lauwers, nay, McIntyre, aye, the motion carried, 2 ayes, 1 nay, 1 absent.

Resolution motion to increase Treasurer salary by 3% to \$8874.36, Motion by Miller, supported by Shirey, roll call vote, Shirey, aye, Miller, aye, McIntyre, aye, the motion carried, 3 ayes, 1 absent; the motion carried.

Resolution motion to increase Clerk salary by 3% to \$8874.36, Motion by Lauwers, supported by Miller, roll call vote, Shirey, aye, Miller, aye, Lauwers, aye, the motion carried, 3 ayes, 1 absent; the motion carried.

**Motion by Miller, supported by Lauwers, to give Trustees, Sexton, Transfer station attendants, Deputies, Fire chief, Election inspectors and Board of Review a 3% raise, roll call vote, Shirey, aye, Miller, aye, Lauwers, aye McIntyre, aye, the motion carried, 4 ayes, 1 absent; the motion carried.**

**Motion by Miller, supported by McIntyre, to give Assistant Chief \$50.00 a month beginning April 1, 2018, the motion carried.**

**Resolution motion by Miller, supported by Shirey, to adopt the Foster Volunteer Fire Department Alcohol/Drug Policy, Upon roll call vote, Shirey, aye, Miller, aye , Lauwers, aye McIntyre, aye, the motion carried, 4 ayes, 1 absent; the motion carried.**

**Resolution motion by Miller, supported by Shirey, to adopt the Foster Volunteer Fire Department Equipment Policy, Upon roll call vote, Shirey, aye, Miller, aye , Lauwers, aye McIntyre, aye, the motion carried, 4 ayes, 1 absent; the motion carried.**

**Clerk went over the lease from Verizon on the cell tower. Verizon wants to install the tower between the transfer station and park. Motion by Miller, supported by Lauwers, to approve the lease with the correction that Verizon carries all the insurance not the township, Roll call vote, Shirey, aye, Miller, aye, Lauwers, aye, McIntyre, aye, the motion carried, 4 ayes, 1 absent; the motion carried.**

**Motion by Miller, supported by Lauwers, to pay EFT 111-117 \$1,418.11, E check 29 \$50.00, General Fund Check 6621-6642 \$6987.06, Fire Dept Checking, check 1966-1969 \$1,102.43, Fire Equipment checks 1136-1137 \$232.96, the motion carried.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.**

**Minutes prepared by,**

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**Karen McIntyre, Township Clerk**

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**Approved by Supervisor Sandi Miller**