

APPROVED MINUTES
PINE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2019 AT 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Supervisor Hansen, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer.

PRESENT: Edwin Hansen, Supervisor; Marla Sprague, Clerk; Rachel Pitcher, Treasurer; Lynwood Cannon, Trustee; William H. Burr, Trustee

STAFF PRESENT: Linda Hansen, Deputy Supervisor; Barbara Kaaikala, Deputy Clerk; Steve Buchholz, Zoning Administrator

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Pitcher moved, supported by Burr, to approve the Agenda. Motion carried.

PUBLIC VOICE

Sprague reported having spoken with the Montcalm County Clerk today, who informed her that the Township will be holding an election on May 7, 2019 regarding Lakeview Community Schools request for 1.5 mills for a period of five (5) years.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Pitcher moved, supported by Cannon, to approve the January 14, 2019 Minutes with the following correction: Checks were dated 1/15/19 (not 1/15/18). Motion carried.

TREASURER/FINANCIAL REPORTS (on file)

Hansen declared that the treasurer report stands as filed. Sprague will call Richards Septic Service to be sure that the check that remains outstanding was mailed to the correct address and received by them.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT (on file)

Buchholz's report is on file. There were two (2) zoning permits, 3 special land use permit renewal requests, and one land division application during the month of January. Buchholz also thanked the Board for approving the purchase of his new computer. He reported that the new computer is running much better than the old computer. Buchholz further reported having not yet taken pictures of the Huckins property (blight issue).

ROAD REPORT

Cannon reported having phoned the County Road Commission regarding the slipperyness of gravel side roads and that intersections were sanded this afternoon and roughed up with grader spikes.

FIRE REPORT

Burr reported having missed the recent Fire Board meeting due to the extreme icy conditions of his driveway.

CEMETERY REPORT

Sprague reported that Vicki Shindorf did not file a report this month, but one (1) lot was sold in Riverside Cemetery.

OLD BUSINESS

MARIJUANA ORDINANCE

Sprague reported that the Marijuana Ordinance was filed with the Montcalm County Clerk today.

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BOARD OF REVIEW SCHOOLING DATE RESCHEDULED

Hansen reported that the schooling scheduled at Chippewa Hills has been rescheduled to Saturday, February 23, 2019.

NEW BUSINESS

ASSESSING REFORM, PUBLIC ACT 660 OF 2018

Hansen requested that the Board read the recent MTA magazine article regarding the Public Act passed on December 28, 2018 requiring Assessor and Board of Review members to attend regular training and suggesting the creation of districts for Boards of Review whose townships are served by the same Assessor. Hansen moved to have the March 19, 2019 Board of Review at Douglas Township Hall and to increase the pay of Board of Review members to \$15.00 per hour in order to offset travel costs for attendance at an out-of-Township location. Pitcher supported this motion.

Roll call vote: Burr – Yes; Cannon – Yes; Pitcher – Yes; Hansen – Yes; Sprague – Yes
Motion carried.

LOCAL MTA MEETING

The Montcalm chapter MTA meeting will be held on February 19, 2019 at 7:00 PM at Belvidere Township Hall. The speaker will be Dan Paris, talking on Wind Energy. Attendees will be Sprague, Rachel and Sue Pitcher, Lynwood Cannon, and Ed and Linda Hansen.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW PINE TOWNSHIP REPRESENTATIVE TO TAMARACK DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD

Sprague read a letter from Diane Robson, Tamarack District Library Board President, requesting to end Patricia Hinrichs' commitment to the Library Board and the appointment of Barb Kaaikala as the new Pine Township representative to the TDL Board. Kaaikala was present at the meeting and stated that she is willing to serve as representative. Pitcher moved, supported by Sprague, to appoint Kaaikala to the TDL Board. Motion carried.

SPRING CLEANUP

Spring cleanup will be on Saturday, April 27, 2019. Republic Services fee will be the same as 2018. Pitcher moved, supported by Burr, to approve this date and the contract with Republic Services for this job. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION FOR ALTERNATE START DATES FOR BOARD OF REVIEW (on file)

Sprague moved, supported by Burr, to set alternate start dates for the Board of Review for March, July, and December, 2019.

Roll call vote: Pitcher – Yes; Burr – Yes; Cannon – Yes; Hansen – Yes; Sprague – Yes
Motion carried.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT FEDERAL POVERTY EXEMPTION INCOME GUIDELINES AND ASSET TEST (on file)

Pitcher moved, supported by Cannon to adopt the Federal poverty exemption income guidelines and Asset Test.

Roll call vote: Cannon – Yes; Pitcher – Yes; Burr – Yes; Sprague – Yes; Hansen – Yes
Motion carried.

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LAKEVIEW FIRE DISTRICT SEMI-ANNUAL PAYMENT

Hansen moved, supported by Pitcher, to pay the Lakeview Fire District a semi-annual payment in the amount of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00). Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION JANUARY, 2019 MEETING PAYMENT

~~Sprague reported that she has not received Planning Commission Minutes since June of 2018 and did not receive anything to substantiate payment for a meeting in January, 2019. (incorrect information not needed in minutes 03/11/19)~~

Burr reported that a meeting was held, and that all members were present. Burr moved, supported by Sprague, to pay the Planning Commission members for the January, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

MONTHLY BILLS

Pitcher moved, supported by Cannon, to pay checks 1268 – 1300 (check 1297 being void), plus an EFT payment to QuickBooks, totaling \$29,966.55. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Pitcher moved, supported by Cannon, to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted.

Marla Sprague

Marla Sprague, Clerk