

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2019
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, Lauwers, Miller, Shirey, Brenner were present, McIntyre absent.

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

Treasurer report given \$434,458.91

Assessor's report is on file.

Sexton report there has been no activity.

Blight Officer Dean Coleman reported no information of current situations.

Fire Department: there were several calls out. One for mutual aid in Rose City and two rollovers on game refuge road. Fire assistant chief is requesting the board approve a new member, Wayne Middleton. Motion from Lauwers, supported by Miller, to accept a new applicant, Wayne Middleton subject to routine background check. The motion carried. They now have about 11 or 12 members.

Supervisor's Report: Supervisor has been in contact with Consumers about lights, we will continue to have the lights replaced as they burn out. Township also received a letter from City of West Branch on the electronic recycling. They are looking into a different company from East Tawas. Will keep board posted when and if there is a change along with the prices.

Library report: On file. Shirey reported staffing issues, budget is on track.

Commissioner's Report: Commissioner Scott reported updates on 911 authority, addressing security in the courthouse and the new commissioner board. Equalization department has asked for and been granted a flat \$150.00 for any land division requests.

New Business: Resolutions presented and on file for the yearly 2.1% pay increase for all township officers, and township employees including per diems. Each resolution addressed with a copy on file and roll call vote. Also, a motion by Lauwers, supported by Miller, to increase salary of employees by 2.1%. Roll call: Lauwers, aye; Miller, aye; Brenner, aye, Shirey, aye. Motion carried.

Spring Clean-up needs to be addressed, Brenner feels this should be posted. Tabled until the next meeting.

Phone lines were discussed. Brenner motioned to get rid of the second line. Motion failed for lack of support. Decided pricing will be looked into and brought to the board. Budget work meeting set for March 5, 2019 4:30 p.m.

Public comment: Some discussion from the floor.

Lauwers requested permission to attend the MTA conference in Grand Rapids April 1-3. Miller motioned to allow her to attend, Brenner supported. Motion carried.

Motion by Miller, to pay EFT E222-231 \$3664.04, General Checking 7022-7046, \$8913.26, Fire Checking 1990-1991 \$160.94, Fire Equipment Check 1156 \$1862.43 E77 \$1039.37, Brenner supported. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:

Kathy Shirey, Trustee

Sandi Miller, Supervisor