

**RABER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
8/9/2016**

The Raber Township Regularly Scheduled Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Paul Warner at the Raber Township Community Building in Goetzville.
All present said the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Supervisor Paul Warner, Clerk Marilyn Mrozek, Treasurer Leslie Opolka, Trustee's Linda Johnson and Dan Galarowic were present. Twenty-nine (29) Township Residents were also in attendance.

CLERK'S MINUTES:

Approval of corrected Clerk's Minutes

Motion made by: Paul

Supported by: Dan

All in favor; Minutes approved

TREASURER'S REPORT:

CEMETERY FUND: \$ 2,814.07

FIRE DEPARTMENT: \$ 21,819.40

GENERAL FUND: \$ 56,646.78

ROAD FUND: \$ 299,109.08

CHILDREN'S FUND: \$ 1,523.72

RECREATION FUND: \$ 1,182.08

Approval of the Treasurer's Report

Motion made by: Paul

Supported by: Marilyn

All in favor; Treasurer's Report approved

CORRESPONDENCE:

Miscellaneous educational classes

Flu shots will be available from the Health Department tentatively October 11th during Senior Dinner.

Leslie will attend the Safe Serve Food Training Seminar in October on behalf of the Board.

Regional Meeting on August 10th for property taxes

MTA Regional Meeting in St. Ignace on October 7th

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Comments about needing animal crossing signs

Comments and concerns pertaining to the Septic Dump Site to be brought into Raber Township

Guest Speaker from MDEQ Robert Wolfe and Tri County Septic owner Mr. Kelly

OLD BUSINESS:

Pickford Ambulance:

Pickford Township is requesting an exact dollar amount that Raber Township will be sending them for their ambulance services. The Board cannot give them an exact amount due to the fact we will not know the portions generated by taxes until they are collected. They will receive a tentative lump sum from tax revenues collected when they are received by the Township at the end of March. The Ambulance millage will be split between Pickford Township and Detour millage based on the school tax guidelines.

Insurance Claim:

Marilyn is still working with the adjuster on the claim with the pumper truck. The adjuster has been out of the office on vacation and states she is still investigating the claim.

NEW BUSINESS:

Guest Speaker MDEQ and Tri County Septic:

Robert Wolfe of the MDEQ attended this evenings meeting to explain the Septic Sewage Disposal Site that is in the process of being permitted in Raber Township right off of M-48. This has been a quiet process in which the majority of the Township was unaware of, including some of the land owners adjacent to the property in which the proposed site is to be contained on. Members of the Board were made aware of this Disposal Site when angry land owners started contacting Board Members wondering why they were not doing anything to stop it. Many man hours have since been spent to research the permit process for such a business in a residential area. It was requested that a representative from the DEQ and the owner of the Tri County Septic Service attend this month's meeting to explain and answer questions and comments from residents in the community that this sewage septic site will affect.

Questions such as the Cradle of Grave (where is the sewage being picked up from and where is it being dumped at?)

Does the hauler have adequate insurance coverage's, especially if there is a spill?

What type of Septic application is being used and how will this affect the surrounding land and the community?

SMELL

Will it affect our drinking water?

Why is this type of business being allowed to be permitted in a residential area?

How will this affect the land values in the area?

Who is going to monitor the Septic Hauler after he has the permit to make sure they are complying with the laws?

A question and answer session was had with the DEQ and Mr. Kelly. Many angry Residents voiced their complaints, questions and concerns.

RECREATION COMMITTEE:

The Recreation Committee is discussing plans for the Fire Departments Annual Picnic on August 20th.

Flyers for the event have been printed and tickets are ready for sale. This year we will be having Craft Vendors and The Knights of Columbus Food Truck.

The Recreation Plan is in its final review with the State.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Two fire runs for the month of July

101 tickets currently sold for the raffle. The Fire Department needs to sell 105 tickets to break even.

The softball tournament is scheduled, concessions are good to go, there are 12 vendors for the craft show, Chinese auction, kid's activities, photo shoot and face painting are all set.

The Raber Township Fire Department participated in the 4th of July Parade in Detour.

A donation of \$10.00 was given to the Fire Department by Patty Sealoft.

PRESENTATION & PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Motion made by: Paul

Supported by: Dan

All in favor; motion carried

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by: Paul

Supported by: Marilyn

All in favor; meeting adjourned.

Thank you for taking the time to read this month's minutes.

Thank you to all of those who attended this month's meeting.

Marilyn Mrozek, Raber Township Clerk