

West Branch Township  
Board Meeting  
June 14, 2017 6:01 p.m.

Veeder opened regular meeting with the pledge to the flag at 6:01 p.m.

Present: Veeder, Buhlman, Hodgins, Philbrick and Mollard

Public Present: Bruce Reetz, Nyla Blanchard, Ron Zarem and Tim Buhlman

Motion by Mollard, second by Veeder to approve the Agenda with the addition of Ordinance Enforcement Procedures added under Unfinished Business. Voice vote: Ayes – all. Motion Carried.

Motion by Veeder, second by Philbrick to approve minutes of 5/10/17 with correction on Buhlman's report, changing 'will be discussing' to 'have discussed'. Voice vote: Ayes – all. Motion Carried.

Motion by Veeder, second by Philbrick to approve minutes of 5/31/2017 with correction on Option #2 adding 'plus \$203,303.00 at 50% coverage'. Voice vote: Ayes – all. Motion Carried.

**Reports:**

Commissioner Reetz provided an update on County Budget, MTA meeting at Rose Township, \$25,000 Housing Grant, 911 Proposal for townships funding a portion of their budget based on population.

Mollard presented Expenditures. Motion by Philbrick, second by Hodgins to approve bills as presented in the amounts of: (101) General \$88,433.28 (592) Sewer/Water \$82,778.14 (600) Water #2 \$2,806.69. Voice vote: Ayes – all. Motion Carried.

Mollard, Philbrick and Hodgins: Nothing to report

Buhlman reported on the May MTA meeting she attended with their main topic on Marijuana and stated she verified the public fund bank account.

Veeder stated per the Auditor, Sue Delahanty, DDA board member (but not signee on DDA bank accounts) will verify the DDA Bank Statement monthly. DDA approved to pay \$6000.00 to EDC in 6 monthly payments of \$1000.00. He also stated township requests for Miss Dig are up this year.

Veeder provided minutes of other township meetings to board members. Discussion concerning uploading the minutes to the Township website; it was noted by Veeder and Mollard that is the plan when time permits.

Correspondence: Ogemaw County Prosecutor provided 2016 Misdemeanors and Felony Statistics and STING provided Quarterly Reports.

**New Business**

Property Tax Foreclosure annual list was discussed.

Motion by Veeder, second by Philbrick to sign "Waiver of First Right of Refusal" on Foreclosed Property in West Branch Township. Voice vote: Ayes – all. Motion Carried.

Motion by Philbrick, second by Hodgins to accept quote from Sawyer Logging LLC in the amount of \$1500.00 for Tree Removal at the Water Tower Site. Voice vote: Ayes – all. Motion Carried.

Discussion on North Simmons Road and concerns with the Ogemaw County Road Commission. They provided a statement of cost "after the fact". In the future the board wants to be approached when the problem occurs and have input on the issue since it affects our tax dollars and local residents.

Motion by Philbrick, second by Veeder to accept Ogemaw County Road Commission Proposal for North Simmons Road - Option 3 (Township and Road split total estimated cost of \$514,953.00 50%/50%). Roll Call: Ayes – all. Motion Carried.

Discussion on Ogemaw County Road Commission, North Simmons Road Paving Agreement. It was questioned whether 200# per square yard of bituminous pavement will be sufficient. Veeder to contact the Road Commission to obtain additional information. The board tabled this issued until their July 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Motion by Philbrick, second by Mollard to approve the purchase of BS&A Assessing Software not to exceed \$6,780.00. Roll Call: Ayes – all. Motion Carried. Mollard noted this is not budgeted and will include in budget adjustments at a later date.

Motion by Philbrick, second by Hodgins to approve Robert Hobohm’s Rezoning Request, approved by Township Planning Commission on May 9, 2017. Roll Call: Ayes – all. Motion Carried.

Veeder stated the Summary Disposition Hearing concerning the Senior Center lawsuit with the City of West Branch was rescheduled for August 3, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.

Motion by Veeder, second by Buhlman to pay Dennis Jameson \$25.00/hour to inspect township sewers. Voice vote: Ayes - all. Motions Carried.

Motion to approve Fireworks permit application from Ed Rice. Voice vote: Ayes – all. Motion Carried.

Reminder next Saturday, June 24, 2017 the township will be having its “heavy refuse” day. Mollard, Philbrick and Veeder volunteered to assist.

Veeder still working on review of Township Assessor.

Buhlman asked the board to review changes she provided on the Ordinance Enforcement Procedures.

No Public Comment.

Motion by Veeder, second by Philbrick to adjourn meeting at 8:07 p.m.

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Cheryl Mollard, West Branch Township Clerk

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Approved Date

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Ryan Veeder, West Branch Township Supervisor