

APPROVED MINUTES
PINE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2019 AT 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by 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; Larry Allen, Planning Commission member; Becky Crawford, Road Committee Secretary

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Tom Porter, District 8 Montcalm County Commissioner

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Pitcher moved, supported Burr, to approve the Agenda with an amendment changing the dollar amount due in #16 FIRE PAYMENT DUE 9/1/19 from \$29,435.00 to \$30, 438.50. Motion carried.

PUBLIC VOICE

There were no expressions of public voice this month.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cannon moved, supported by Pitcher, to approve the July 8, 2019 Minutes. Motion carried.

TREASURER/FINANCIAL REPORTS (on file)

Hansen noted corrections that need to be made to the Treasurer Report. Pitcher stated that she would make those corrections and bring the corrected report to the September meeting.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT (on file)

Buchholz's report is on file. There was one zoning permit and no Land Division Application during the month of July. Buchholz reported mixed results on the blight letters that he had sent out. The Board encouraged Buchholz to be more aggressive in pursuing compliance to the Township blight ordinance. Buchholz will be turning the Petersheim blight problem over to the Township attorney this month. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips were in attendance at the meeting and requested clarification on what needs to be done to comply with the Township blight ordinance. Buchholz supplied the Phillips with a copy of the blight ordinance and fence setback requirements.

ROAD REPORT

Cannon reported that Lake Road has been graveled, Backus was finished today, and that roads are rough and need rain before grading can be completed.

FIRE REPORT

Burr reported that Maple Valley Fire Department desires to join the Lakeview Fire District. Updates on the process will be reported as progress is made.

CEMETERY REPORT

There was no written report this month, but Shindorf turned in monies for two cremain burials.

OLD BUSINESS

BID FOR TREE REMOVAL IN CEMETERIES

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Hansen presented a bid from Woodland Tree Services for tree removal in the cemeteries in the amount of \$4,620.00. Pitcher moved, supported by Burr, to accept the bid.

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

BOARD OF REVIEW

Hansen reported 14 PRE petitions were submitted at the July 16 meeting.

BIDS FOR TOWNSHIP HALL IMPROVEMENTS

Hansen presented a bid from Paul Howell amounting to \$4183.04 for installation of an exit door on the Township Hall. Burr moved, supported by Sprague, to accept this bid.

Roll Call Vote - Pitcher – Yes; Hansen – Yes; Cannon – Yes; Burr – Yes; Sprague – Yes. Motion carried.

Hansen presented a bid from Dan Petersheim in the amount of \$1,450.00 for cement and installation of sidewalk cement from the above new door to the parking lot. Pitcher moved, supported by Cannon, to accept this bid.

Roll Call Vote – Hansen – Yes; Cannon – Yes; Burr – Yes; Sprague – Yes; Pitcher – Yes. Motion carried.

Hansen presented a bid from Henry Petersheim in the amount of \$5,590.00 for materials and installation of a new steel roof on the Township Hall. After discussion, Burr moved, supported by Pitcher, to table action on this bid until the September meeting. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

SUPERVISOR REPORT

Hansen reported the need of weeding to be done around the Township Hall building and road sign. Pitcher reported that Pitcher Perfect Excavating charges \$40.00 per hour for labor and \$40.00 per gallon of Roundup. Sprague moved, supported by Hansen, to authorize Pitcher Perfect Excavating to complete this project. Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on July 29, 2019 regarding a special land use permit request for the purpose of building a school at 6395 Cannonsville Road, Lakeview and recommended that the Board approve the permit.

Pitcher moved, supported by Cannon, to accept the Planning Commission recommendation.

Roll Call Vote – Cannon – Yes; Hansen – Yes; Pitcher – Yes; Burr – Yes; Sprague – Yes. Motion carried.

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY PAYMENT OF WITHHELD TAXES

Pine Township received a \$5,347.57 payment form the State of Michigan Department of Treasury on July 26, 2019.

FIRE DISTRICT PAYMENT

Pitcher moved, supported by Burr, to authorize payment of the semi-annual payment to the Lakeview Fire District in the amount of \$30,438.50. Motion carried.

LOCAL CHAPTER MTA MEETING

Sprague reported that the local chapter MTA meeting would be held on Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at the Eureka Township Hall. Hansen, Cannon, and Sprague will attend.

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WEST PINE CEMETERY PUMP

Hansen reported that the West Pine Cemetery well pump and regulator need to be replaced at a cost of approximately \$500.00 Pitcher moved, supported by Sprague, to authorize purchase of a new pump and regulator before Spring, 2020. Motion carried.

MONTHLY BILLS

Pitcher moved, supported by Sprague, to pay checks 1481 – 1518 for monthly bills in the amount of nineteen thousand, two hundred eighty-nine and 13/100 dollars (\$19,289.13). Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Pitcher moved, supported by Sprague, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted.

Marla Sprague

Marla Sprague, Clerk