

SUMMERFIELD TOWNSHIP
October 16, 2017
Regular Meeting
26 Saline St., Petersburg, MI

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Chandler at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call: Goodin, Chandler, Wiederhold, Missler and Curley were present.

Motion by Goodin to approve the agenda with the addition of the Ioot Land Combination and furnace replacement under new business. Support by Wiederhold. Motion carried.

Motion by Wiederhold to approve the September 18th, 2017 regular meeting minutes. Support by Missler. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Wiederhold

The fire CD held at Huntington Bank matured in the amount of \$131,571.97. When I went to renew it, the teller was unable to do anything without permission from her manager (who wasn't available). After going back a second time, I withdrew it and opened a new CD at Monroe Bank & Trust. Taxes are still coming in and incurring a 1% penalty. Last month I was asked about my name being the only signor on the CDs. I spoke to one of the MTA attorneys, our attorney and the auditors. My name should be on there because it is my statutory duty as the Treasurer. If something were to happen to me, someone would have to be appointed.

Supervisor Chandler provided a hand out with information regarding the role of a Deputy.

Motion by Goodin to accept Treasurer's Report. Support by Curley. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Amy Reiter asked that we consider central air when looking to replace the furnace and new chairs. Also, she appreciates Joan Wiederhold taking the time to research and finding out the facts in regards to the signing of checks and her role as Treasurer.

Benson Hoffman gave his input on dangerous buildings.

New Business:

17547 Railroad St. – Blight/Dangerous Building- Recently, we received a complaint regarding the building located at 17547 Railroad St. Supervisor Chandler inspected it and wants the landowner to tear it down. The owner is coming in on Friday, October 20th to discuss options with Building Inspector Lange. Benson Hoffman also spoke with the neighbor who filed the complaint.

Land Combination – Motion by Goodin to approve the RCI, LLC land combination of parcel numbers 116-017-03 & 116 016 00 contingent on completed survey provided and approved by Assessor Lieb. Support by Missler. Motion carried.

Furnace-Recently there was a smell of gas at the township hall. Michigan Gas came out and found a small leak around the furnace valve. The gas was turned off and Thompson Plumbing & Heating replaced the valve. Michigan Gas returned and turned the gas back on, but stated there was a tube gas leak. Thompson came back out and after thorough inspection, deemed the furnace unsafe to run. Motion by Goodin to obtain bids and call a special meeting if necessary. Support by Missler. Motion carried.

Motion by Missler to appoint Benson Hoffman as Ordinance Enforcement Officer. Support by Curley. Roll call vote: Missler-yea, Curley-yea, Chandler-yea, Wiederhold-nay and Goodin-nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Chandler to eliminate Thomas Harbaugh and draft a job description for Benson Hoffman. Support by Wiederhold. Roll call vote: 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried. A letter will be sent to Mr. Harbaugh insisting that he returns the items purchased and owned by Summerfield Township.

Motion by Missler to table the property at 17547 Railroad until next month before taking legal demolition action. Support by Curley. Roll call vote: Missler-yea, Goodin-yea, Wiederhold-yea, Curley-yea and Chandler-nay. Motion carried.

Benson Hoffman and Amy Reiter inquired about a cell phone allowance. It will be placed on the November agenda.

Reports:

Fire: Chief Lucas

September

15 rescue

2 service

2 assist

1 weather watch

17 in township, 3 in city for a total of 20.

We had hoped for more attendance at the open house this past Saturday, but all went very well.

Trustee: Missler

Dave Kottke is going to see if he can find where the large tile runs at the cemetery.

The aluminum heads on the stakes in the New East Cemetery are starting to rust. They will need to be replaced.

Planning Commission: Reiter

Adam from Wade Trim will be attending our November Planning Commission meeting.

We had a request for a home occupation permit, but no action will be taken until the fee is paid.

Clerk: Goodin

The portable located at Pleasant View cemetery will be removed by November 1st for the winter months.

I will get at least three costs on five new chairs for meeting room.

Supervisor: Chandler

Fall grading will start soon.

I will be attending the annual River Raisin Watershed meeting this Thursday.

Public Comment:

Sue Gross inquired about the status of Wells Road. Supervisor Chandler said the Monroe County Road Commission has not gotten back to us with pricing.

Amy Reiter suggested that if we receive no complaints regarding no portable at cemetery, we should consider not putting it back as most cemeteries do not have one.

Benson Hoffman thought Tractor Supply Company may have some fiberglass rods with plastic caps that would work at the cemetery.

Richard Garst suggested that Benson Hoffman should have credentials identifying him as our Enforcement Officer.

Motion by Missler to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. Support by Curley. Motion carried.

Unapproved

Respectfully Submitted:

Trudy Goodin, Clerk