

APPROVED MINUTES  
PINE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 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; Larry Allen, Planning Commission member; Gary Christensen, Planning Commission member; Steve Fisk, Pine Township representative to the Lakeview District Fire Department

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Sprague requested that the Local Chapter MTA meeting be added to the agenda. Pitcher moved, supported by Cannon, moved to approve the agenda with the addition. Motion carried.

PUBLIC VOICE

Larry Allen, Planning Commission member, requested approval to coordinate the placement of the cement slab for the picnic tables on Hall grounds. Allen presented estimates of 1) free cement; 2) \$150.00 for delivery of cement; 3) \$38.64 for materials to build the forms. The Board has previously approved \$450.00 for excavation. The total for the project will be \$638.64. Allen is asking for volunteers to finish installing the cement. Burr moved, supported by Sprague, to authorize Allen to coordinate the project.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Pitcher moved, supported by Cannon, to approve the August 12, 2019 Minutes. Motion carried.

TREASURER/FINANCIAL REPORTS (on file)

Pitcher submitted the corrected July report. Sprague moved, supported by Burr, to accept this report. Motion carried.

Hansen noted a needed correction to the Fire District account on the August report. Pitcher will correct and submit at the October meeting.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT (on file)

Hansen read Buchholz's report, which is on file. There were two zoning permits and no land division applications during the month of August. Buchholz has contacted the Township attorney to draft letters to property owners regarding unresolved blight situations.

ROAD REPORT

Cannon reported he and Hansen checked locations recommended by the Road Commission for brush spraying.

FIRE REPORT

Burr submitted a letter from the Maple Valley Fire Department. Tony Sorensen of Maple Valley Fire Department attended the meeting and reported on the pending merger between Maple Valley Fire Department and Lakeview Fire District. He indicated that they would be selling five vehicles and closing the Coral fire station. Two stalls plus one vehicle will be added to the existing Trufant fire station.

CEMETERY REPORT

There was no written report this month. Sprague noted that Woodland Tree Service is completing work in Riverside Cemetery.

OLD BUSINESS

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BIDS FOR TOWNSHIP HALL IMPROVEMENTS

Hansen submitted bids for the following:

A) Roof bid for Township Hall

Hansen recommended that a new roof be installed, being the most cost-effective, with bids for painting the roof being \$3,690.00 and the bid for replacing the roof is \$5,590.00. Pitcher moved, supported by Burr, to place a new green steel roof on the Township Hall.

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

B) A \$600.00 bid was received to replace the roof on the cement building in Riverside Cemetery. Sprague moved, supported by Burr, to accept that bid.

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

C) A bid in the amount of ~~\$1,500.00~~ **\$1,587.00** was submitted by Jack Joustra Painting to paint the Township Hall trim, the Mausoleum, and the road sign. Cannon moved, supported by Pitcher, to accept this bid.

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

NEW BUSINESS

SUPERVISOR REPORT

Hansen called AltoGas to have a gas valve leak in the Hall furnace room repaired. Hansen also contacted the Township attorney regarding questions he as received from investors on the marijuana issue. The attorney informed Hansen that the Township ordinance is valid until the State of Michigan issues their rulings on recreational marijuana. Hansen recommended using the road sign to post tax collection dates and election dates.

PLANNING COMMISSION REAPPOINTMENTS

Robert Behrenwald and Gary Christensen's appointments expire September, 2019. Hansen contacted both Behrenwald and Christensen and has received their commitment for another three years, with their terms ending in September, 2022. Sprague moved, supported by Burr, to appoint Behrenwald for the three year term. Motion carried. Cannon moved, supported by Pitcher, to appoint Christensen to another three year term. Motion carried.

LOCAL CHAPTER MTA MEETING

Sprague reported that the local chapter MTA meeting would be held on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at Settlement Lutheran Church.

MONTHLY BILLS

Pitcher moved, supported by Cannon, to pay checks 1519 – 1547 for monthly bills in the amount of thirty-eight thousand, six hundred ninety-four and 25/100 dollars (\$38,694.25). Motion carried. Pitcher moved, supported by Hansen, to pay Hunter Lake check number 522 in the amount of two thousand, three hundred seventy-three and 75/100 (\$2,373.75). Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

Burr moved, supported by Pitcher, to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted.

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Marla Sprague  
Marla Sprague, Clerk