

West Branch Township
Board Meeting
April 19, 2017 6:08 p.m.

Veeder opened regular meeting with the pledge to the flag at 6:08 p.m.

Present: Veeder, Buhlman, Hodgins, Philbrick and Mollard

Public Present: Jill Ammond and Ron Zarem

Motion by Philbrick, second by Hodgins to approve the Agenda. Voice vote: Ayes – all. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hodgins, second by Buhlman to approve minutes of 3/8/17. Voice vote: Ayes – all. Motion Carried.

Reports:

Mollard stated all changes in accounting have been implemented on 4/1/17. She presented monthly bills. Motion by Philbrick, second by Veeder to approved bills as presented in the amounts of: (101) General \$20,966.19 (592) Sewer/Water \$58,162.77 (600) Water #2 \$3,548.14. Voice Vote: Ayes – all. Motion Carried.

Philbrick reported on Sewer Water Quarterly billing.

Hodgins stated he found the MTA Conference very beneficial and noted State wide concerns with the conditions of our road and bridges.

Buhlman stated she found the MTA Conference very beneficial, she appreciates receiving minutes from meetings other board members attend and reviewed all township bank accounts.

Veeder reported on MTA Conference, Fire Board Meeting and Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Public Comment: Jill Ammond inquired about the Ogemaw Hills Sportsmen Association and use of firearms. Veeder explained their Special Use Permit is for archery only. They would have to submit another request for firearms.

Correspondence: Letter from Tim Walters in reference to services he can provide for our cemetery.

New Business

Motion by Mollard, second by Hodgins to reimburse Ogemaw County \$295.00 for external wireless modem used for Elections. Voice vote: Ayes – all. Motion Carried.

EDC- Annual contribution request of \$6000.00. Discussion on funding and what will happen to the program at the beginning of the State fiscal year on 10/1/17. Veeder to request Mandy Chasey attend our May 10th meeting before payment submitted.

Motion by Veeder, second by Mollard to pay MTA Local Charter dues of \$171.00. Voice vote – all. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hodgins, second by Buhlman to approve STING annual request for \$1815.10. Voice Vote: Buhlman, Hodgins, Philbrick and Mollard, Nays – Veeder. Motion Carried.

Motion by Philbrick, second by Hodgins to contract with Ogemaw County Road Commission for 3 applications of brining for 2017. Voice vote: Ayes – all. Motion Carried.

Motion by Mollard, second by Philbrick to approve Zoning Ordinance #44. Roll Call: Ayes – Buhlman, Hodgins, Philbrick, Mollard and Veeder. Ordinance Adopted.

Motion by Veeder, second by Hodgins to appoint Emil Rousseau to DDA Board with term ending 12/31/21. Roll Call: Ayes - Hodgins, Philbrick, Mollard, Buhlman and Veeder. Motion Carried.

Discussion concerning placement of a Telecommunication Tower without township approval. Veeder to research and contact Attorney Fahey to see if this falls under the Otard Rule for regulating receiving towers.

Motion by Mollard, second by Philbrick to approve payment of \$40.00/month as stipend to Sewer/Water employee for use of his personal cell phone. Voice vote: Ayes – all. Motion Carried.

Unfinished Business

Sewer/Water bills adjustments for Marge Noffsinger and Stone Mountain. We will need to review next month to determine how to proceed.

Transfer Station – Township residents refuse day will be Saturday, June 24, 2017, 9:00 am. - 1:00 pm. It will be advertised in the local newspaper 2 weeks in advance.

Township Assessor Contract – Veeder reviewing permits and will report back at next meeting.

No Public Comment.

Motion by Veeder, second by Mollard meeting is adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

4-27-17

Draft Date

Cheryl Mollard, West Branch Township Clerk

Approved Date

Ryan Veeder, West Branch Township Supervisor