

APPROVED MINUTES
PINE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Burr moved, supported by Cannon to accept agenda as presented. Motion carried.

CONSUMER POWER ENERGY FRANCHISE ORDINANCE

Hansen introduced Harmony Nowland, Consumer Power representative, who presented Ordinance #7 as a 30 year Franchise Agreement with Consumer Power. She went over all the articles of the ordinance and indicated that it would replace the existing agreement due to expire this year. The new Franchise agreement would expire in thirty (30) years. Sprague moved supported by Pitcher to adopt Ordinance #7.

Roll call vote: Burr, yes; Hansen, yes; Cannon, yes; Pitcher, yes; Sprague, yes. Motion carried.

She also covered some of the upcoming goals and serviceenhancements that Consumers is planning in the future.

PUBLIC VOICE

Sprague brought up that she is receiving calls from Marijuana proponents about if the township had decided to "opt In" or "opt out" of this issue. Hansen indicated that this should be added to the next meeting's Agenda.

Larry Allen asked about logs being left in the ditches along the roads from a recent tree removal project by the County and asked if anything was planned to remove them.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Hansen brought up that Agenda item #20 had been missed about the Budget Workshop in the March 12 minutes and should have read *that a Motion was made by Marla and supported by Rachel to approve and change to date from 4-17-18 to 4-18-18*. With this addition, Cannon moved supported by Sprague to approve the 3/12/18 minutes. Motion carried.

TREASURER/FINANCIAL REPORTS (on file)

Hansen declared that the Treasurer Report stands as filed.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

No zoning report for this month.

ROAD REPORT

Cannon stated he, Chad Barber, Becky Crawford, and Ed Hansen looked at road projects on

Wednesday, April 4. Cannon has a detailed report for the Road Commission some of which is as follows:

Maintenance Gravel - \$16,000
Brine - \$23,331
50 hours Ditching - \$5,000
Spraying Brush - \$2,000 with the county matching this funding
Crack Seal locations TBD - \$8,625
Seal coat streets in Langston - \$3,387
Replacing culvert on Johnson Rd south of Briggs - \$1,219
Machine Wedge Seal – Briggs Rd from Johnson to Youngman - \$21,543
Machine Wedge Seal – Briggs Rd from Gravel Ridge to Johnson - \$24,356
Totaling \$105,461.00

And the Road Commission will give us a 10% discount on everything except brining **and brush spray**.

Pitcher moved supported by Burr to accept the Road Commission contracts.

Roll Call vote: Hansen, yes; Cannon, yes; Pitcher, yes; Burr, yes; Sprague, yes. Motion carried.

FIRE REPORT (on file)

Burr reported that the Fire Board has completed a new Fire agreement with some revisions that will run until 2/28/2048. The new Fire Agreement will be on file when all townships have reviewed and signed.

Pitcher moved supported by Burr to accept the fire authority agreement.

Roll Call vote: Sprague, yes; Pitcher, yes; Cannon, yes; Hansen, yes; Burr, yes. Motion carried.

Burr also reported that he attending the Planning Commission meeting today and submitted a letter from the Planning Committee expressing concern about the speed limit posted near the Dollar General. The letter will be placed on file.

CEMETERY REPORT

There was one (1) burial in West Pine in March; Carol Leshner. And four lots have been sold in West Pine in March. One lot was transferred to a new owner in Riverside Cemetery. All details on file.

OLD BUSINESS

BUDGET WORKSHOP - Will be held on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 9:00 AM.

CLEAN UP DAY – Will be on Saturday, April 21, 2018 from 8AM to Noon. Six (6) receptacles have been requested.

NEW BUSINESS

CD'S MATURE – CD #14960-303 and #14960-304 both mature on 5/10/2018. CD # 16757-302 for Hunter Lake matures on 5/2/2018. Sprague moved supported by Cannon to renew these CD's for 12 months. Motion Carried.

There is also a CD #14960-305 that came due on 4/2/2018 and Sprague moved supported by Pitcher to move eight hundred dollars (\$800.00) from the money collected for perpetual care from recent lot sales into this new CD renewal. Motion carried.

BOR REPORT – Hansen reported that there were 22 petitions heard at the recent Board of Review; including 7 veterans, 1 poverty, and had 5 citizens attend.

HAZARD MITIGATION PROJECT – Hansen reported that due to time constraints, he has submitted the necessary paperwork to the County Sprague moved supported by Burr to allow Hansen to send this paperwork into the County. Motion carried.

MONTCALM MTA MEETING - The meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at the Stanton American Legion. Pitcher (2), Hansen (2), Cannon, Sprague and Larry Allen will be attending. Sprague will email the attendees into Bushnell Township.

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY - Hope Noble made a presentation about the Tamarack District Library. She handed out information and gave some very interesting details on programs that the Library offers. One of which is the “Little Free Library” project which she is proposing that the Township participate in. It was decided that the Township Hall would be a desirable location to place one of these small libraries and Pitcher moved supported by Sprague to host a “Little Free Library”. Motion carried.

There was discussion on placing it near the flag pole and to have some pamphlets available to let our township residents know some of the resources the TDL provides.

REFERENCE BOOKS FOR PLANNING COMMISSION AND ZBA – Hansen reported that there are some new books being published by the Michigan Township Association for Planning Commissions and Zoning Boards and suggested that the township purchase some. Pitcher moved supported by Sprague to purchase 11 books at the cost of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) each. Motion carried.

TOILET FARNSWORTH PARK – Pitcher moved with Cannon support to get the Porta-potty for Farnsworth Park for May 1. Motion carried.

PAYMENT FOR ASSESSMENT CHANGE NOTICES, PERSONAL PROPERTY AND BOARD OF REVIEW – Sprague moved supported by Pitcher to pay in invoice from CMZ Services in the amount of seven hundred ten dollars (\$710.00) for these services. Motion carried.

BUDGET AMENDMENT – Hansen reported that the Budget for Social Security needs to amended and to take the money from the Contingency Fund. Sprague moved supported by Pitcher to move four hundred dollars (\$400.00) from the Contingency Fund Account # 101-890 into Social Security Account # 101-862. Motion carried.

MONTHLY BILLS

Burr moved, supported by Pitcher, to pay checks 10950 – 10977 in the amount of Six thousand seven hundred seventy-eight dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$6778.99). Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Sprague

Marla Sprague, Clerk