

SUMMERFIELD TOWNSHIP

May 21, 2018

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 Missler to approve the agenda. Support by Curley. Motion carried.

Motion by Wiederhold to approve the April 16th, 2018 regular meeting minutes. Support by Curley. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Wiederhold

Closed the 5/3 bank cd. The amount was \$56,530.18 and I placed it in the general fund. We received a total of \$205 in memory of Pat Schmidt for the fire department. In addition, we received \$506.25 from insurance to be placed in the training fund. Total monies in all accounts is \$2,158,881.19.

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

Clerk Goodin presented checks. Motion by Wiederhold to approve checks #30803 - #30862 in the amount of \$246,288.33. Support by Missler. Motion carried.

Senator Dale Zorn-DEQ proposed administrative rule change & May 16th public hearing
Last week I met with the DEQ regarding new policy on waste injection wells. I believe the DEQ realizes the karst geology in Monroe County and the risk associated with it. The new legislation will protect us much better. Supervisor Chandler thanked Senator Zorn and Commissioner Hoffman for sticking with us over the injection wells.

New Business:

Compensation proposal for election workers - Clerk Goodin presented a county pay survey for election workers. Our workers have not had an increase for at least twelve years and I would like us to be comparative to the rest of Monroe County. Motion by Wiederhold to increase election worker's hourly rate from \$10/hour to \$11.50/hour. Support by Curley. Roll call vote: 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Presentation – “Project Topaz” – Ian Scott Van Huysen

Mr. Van Huysen provided a presentation outline that described his intent. He would like Summerfield Township to change their ordinance (he provided one for consideration) to allow cannabis cultivation, processing and provisioning within Industrial Districts and to adopt their proposal and issue stacked cultivation, processing and provisioning center medical marihuana facilities permits under the facilities licensing act. The ideal location would be at the northwest side of exit 13 off of US-23. The handout also provided information on benefits of enacting ordinance and adopting the proposal, security, safety, traffic, light pollution, and odor. Mr. Van Huysen reiterated that time is of the essence and spoke about contingencies and future development. He urged the board to consider the proposal. Mr. Van Huysen and his supporters have an investor who is anxious to get something started in Michigan and feels this would be a perfect location.

Amy Reiter stated the following in regards to the “Project Topaz”-

- Remember we must treat everyone the same
- Water irrigating ponds??
- Solar panels are not currently allowed in Summerfield Township
- Would the property be purchased from Howard Hunter?

Old Business: none

Reports:

Ordinance Enforcer: Hoffman

Inquired about the odor that would emit if we allowed a cannabis provisioning center.

Fire: Chief Lucas

April

19 rescue

6 service

6 assist

10 fire

37 in township, 4 in city for a total of 41.

I have two bids on concrete work, but waiting for one more. Matt Larocca and RJ Schall visited the high school today to provide any information to those that may have interest in serving as a volunteer on the department.

Trustee: Curley

Inquired if there is any type of guarantee on road work performed and felt that the mix used should be part of the bid.

Clerk: Goodin

The quarterly Monroe County meeting will be held this Thursday at Monroe Charter Township.

There is a clerk's meeting at Lasalle Township tomorrow to discuss elections and to obtain feedback from those that held elections this past May.

Planning: Reiter

Adam Young from Wade Trim will be providing a draft of the solar ordinance at our next meeting. If we allowed industrial marihuana, we would need to create, maintain and administer a police department. Also, the board currently has an "opt" out ordinance. That would need to be changed before anything else could be decided.

Supervisor: Chandler

Very happy to announce that David Arthur Consultants recently received a torch award. This is a distinguished honor as they were selected out of more than 1,000 entries. David Kubiske performs with honesty and integrity and I'm proud to say we do business with him and his firm.

Gave an update on the state's new legislation regarding assessing. They are trying to take control over it.

Ban Fracking needs over 250,000 signatures to be on the ballot. A petition is available if anyone wishes to sign it.

Supervisor Chandler read a letter written to the DEQ from Deborah Psootka opposing the new rules and regulations regarding injection wells. It also contained her objection of the state possibly being granted primacy.

Motion by Missler to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Support by Curley. Motion carried.

Unapproved

Respectfully Submitted:

Trudy Goodin, Clerk