

Essex Township - Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting

December 18, 2019 @ 8:00 p.m.

Members Present: Supervisor Carla Wardin, Trustee James Gavenda, Trustee Mark Winsor, Treasurer Kathy George, Clerk Lori Conner

Visitors: Assessor Beth Botke, Commissioner Kam Washburn

Call to Order: Township Supervisor Carla Wardin called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. in the Lowe United Methodist Church Hall followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitor Statements:

Commissioner Kam Washburn

- Glanbia cheese plant has received awards for being a driving economic force in mid-Michigan.
- The Clinton County Public Safety Radio Project millage proposal will be on the March 10, 2020, ballot. If approved, the millage of .85 mills will generate approximately \$2.5 million annually to fund the 911 Center Operations.

Township Assessor Beth Botke

- Permits for 2019 included: 9 new residence, 2 residential additions, 4 residential garages, 5 utility buildings, 1 deck, 2 pools, 2 demolition permits, 1 solar panel, and 4 partial construction permits from prior year.
- PA Bill 116, 117, 118 and Residential Solar Panels Exemption were signed in November 2019.
- The Board of Review met on December 10, 2019 and had 4 Principal Residence Exemptions (PRE) and 1 Ag.

Minutes of October 16, 2019 Meeting: Gavenda moved to approve the meeting minutes; supported by Winsor. Motion passed and carried (MPC).

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was reviewed.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Gavenda:

- Clinton Area Ambulance Service Authority (CAASA) may seek to raise per capita from \$3.00 to \$6.00

Treasurer's Report:

- The general ledger for the period 10/1/19 – 12/9/19 was reviewed including checks #6269-6311.
- The checking balance is \$59,340.27.
- Wardin moved that deputy treasurer Ann Gifford be allowed to accept tax payments; supported by Winsor. MPC.

- Gavenda moved to accept the treasurer's report, supported by Winsor. MPC.

Clerk's Report:

- Year to date budget was reviewed.
- Gavenda moved to accept the clerk's report, supported by George. MPC.

Supervisor's Report

- Les Miller & Sons Aggregates, Inc. applied to extend their existing site plan for five years. There were no objections and Clinton County approved the application on December 12, 2019.
- Community Development Director, Doug Riley, reported that construction permits in Clinton County were up and he encouraged participation in the upcoming census.
- The Clinton County Road Commission 2020 recommended projects report was distributed.

New Business:

None

Adjournment: George moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m, supported by Gavenda. MPC. The next regular meeting of the Essex Township Board will be held February 19, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowe United Methodist Church Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Conner
Essex Township Clerk