

SUMMERFIELD TOWNSHIP

March 19, 2018

Regular Meeting

26 Saline St., Petersburg, MI

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Chandler at 5:30 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 February 19th, 2018 regular meeting minutes. Support by Curley. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Wiederhold

Received \$44,819 from the State of Michigan for constitutional sales tax. The winter tax collection season is over. I will go to the county tomorrow with final payout. We should contact Steve Smaka and make plans to prepare the 2018-2019 budget. Also, the 5/3 bank cd in the amount of \$55,086.49 will be coming due the end of April. Supervisor Chandler suggested we cash it in and put it toward our road debt. Motion by Goodin to accept Treasurer's Report. Support by Wiederhold. Motion carried.

Clerk Goodin presented checks. Motion by Wiederhold to approve checks #30704 - #30752 in the amount of \$40,088.15. Support by Curley. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

New Business:

Sending draft of master plan prepared by Wade Trim – Motion by Goodin to table mailing the draft of the master plan until the outcome of the solar power workshop. Support by Chandler. Motion carried.

Copier proposals – Clerk Goodin presented quotes for new and/or leased copiers. Motion by Chandler to determine more of a defined criteria that we're looking for and get more prices. Support by Missler. Motion carried. Dave Kubiski suggested that we contact the company who services David Arthur Consultants, Inc.

Old Business:

Reports:

Ordinance Enforcer: Hoffman

Investigated a complaint from a city resident about brush pile on private residence/VFW hall.

Fire: Chief Lucas

February

32 rescue

6 service

2 assist

1 fire

35 in township, 6 in city for a total of 41.

Still waiting on prices for concrete work. Tyler Irwin has joined the department and is in probationary status.

Trustee: Missler

Inquired about an article published in the Monroe News regarding a proposed Summerfield School Liaison Officer. Supervisor Chandler stated the information was incorrect. The agreement will involve the City of Petersburg and the Monroe County Sheriff's department.

Clerk Report: Goodin

The City Clerk and I will be visiting Summerfield Schools during lunch hours on Wednesday, March 28th to assist students who wish to register to vote. We will register those students who are or will be 18 years old by the August election.

Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks will be hosting their free education day on Tuesday, April 10th in Mt. Pleasant. Agenda includes several topics such as bipartisan policy center, 2018 election cycle and "do the right thing make ethics your brand". The City Clerk is attending as well, so the cost of lodging and mileage will be shared. Motion by Wiederhold to authorize Clerk Goodin to attend free education day. Support by Curley. Motion carried.

Supervisor: Chandler

Monroe County Road Commission have been scrapping the roads.

David Arthur Consultants is nominated for the Better Business Bureau (BBB) 2018 torch award for marketplace ethics. Motion by Chandler to place Summerfield Township's name as a reference. Support by Missler. Motion carried.

Senator Dale Zorn – DEQ proposed administrative rule changes – Senator Zorn has been working on a policy with the DEQ to protect drinking water and Monroe County's karst systems from deep well injection. He explained a policy is more advantageous than a statute because it is easier to amend. Public comment on this policy ended this past Friday. The proposed DEQ policy (which will affect the entire state of Michigan) requires potential drillers to identify karst formations roughly within a quarter mile of the drill site and install early warning systems to detect leaks. It also requires more substantial cement and casing requirements. Senator Zorn does not feel the policy goes far enough, but it's an improvement. Joint Committee of Administrative Rules will consider this policy the next time they meet. Senator Zorn stated he is not done moving forward. He has a bill out that the DEQ has to notify local government within 48 hours prior to drilling.

Supervisor Chandler read a letter he wrote to the DEQ. In the letter, he stated the following:

- Injection wells are NOT allowed in Monroe County per county ordinance. Local ordinances are also in effect making it ILLEGAL to inject waste of any kind.
- Monroe County is an area that has been determined to be "too risky" for Injection well operations. The concern is very simple, the protection of fresh ground water and Lake Erie.
- I would request that the proposed administrative rules reflect that Monroe County be officially "off limits" for both hydraulic fracturing and waste injection.

Motion by Missler to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m. Support by Goodin. Motion carried.

Unapproved
Respectfully Submitted:

Trudy Goodin, Clerk