

Raisinville Township
Regular Township Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2019 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

A meeting of the Raisinville Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Blanchette at 7:00 pm, on Tuesday March 5, 2019, in the Raisinville Township Hall, 96 Ida-Maybee Road, Monroe, Monroe County, Michigan and he led with the Pledge to the American Flag.

ROLL CALL: Supervisor Blanchette, Treasurer Meyer, Trustee Henderson, Trustee Woelmer, Clerk Fetterly present. Others in attendance: 2 people in the audience

MINUTES: **MOTION BY** Trustee Henderson **SUPPORTED BY** Trustee Woelmer, to approve the minutes from the February 5, 2019 Township Board meeting minutes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

TREASURER REPORT: **MOTION BY** Trustee Woelmer **SUPPORTED BY** Clerk Fetterly to approve the Treasurer Report. **MOTION CARRIED.**

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT: Supervisor Blanchette reported there were 14 permits issued for the month of February. This included 5 building (0 new houses), 3 electrical, 6 mechanical, and zero plumbing permits. There were two reinspection fees equaling \$135, for a total fee of \$1622.00.

BILLS: **MOTION BY** Trustee Henderson, **SUPPORTED BY** Treasurer Meyer to approve the bills as presented for this month. **MOTION CARRIED.**

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Blight: None to report

Road Commission Contracts: Excess Gradall- \$10,000. Chip Seal- Heiss Rd/Doederline to Township Line- \$13,117. Chip Seal- Heiss Rd/Steffas to Township Line- \$6,272. Mowing- \$19,400. Dust Control/Brine- \$12,500. Total of contracts = \$61,289.

MOTION BY Trustee Woelmer **SUPPORTED BY** Trustee Henderson to approve the contracts with the Monroe County Road Commission for 2019 for the amount of \$61,289.00

MOTION CARRIED.

Jerry commented on the meeting he went to at the Road Commission that Dunbar to Geiger Road and North Custer from Ida-Maybee to Doty road will be worked on this year per the Road Commission. North Custer Road will be a 3- year phase to reach the Frenchtown Township line. Negotiations are in the works regarding applying gravel to all of the unpaved roads, (we have approximately 12 miles.)

Township Clean-up Day will be May 4th 8-4 this year.

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PA 116 Application for Thomas Adler, Application 2019-01 (Parcel # 5813 236 214 30)

MOTION BY Trustee Woelmer, **SUPPORTED BY** Treasure Meyer to approve the PA 116 application for Thomas Adler, Application # 2019-01. **MOTION CARRIED**

Lehr Road Culvert Replacement: The culvert has failed and currently has a steel plate as a temporary fix. The Road Commission initially quoted an estimate of over \$30,000. It was recommended to go through the Drain commission and get an estimate from them.

MOTION BY Trustee Woelmer **SUPPORTED BY** Trustee Henderson to approve the bid from the Monroe County Drain Commission to replace the culvert at a cost of \$18,810.

MOTION CARRIED

Installation of Streetlight at North Custer and Doty Road: DTE emailed estimate. To use existing pole, 1 overhead, 136- Watt LED streetlight. Annual Operating Cost of \$179.98, Construction cost of \$ 1,415.00, Revenue Credit of \$518.94, Township cost would be \$896.83

MOTION BY Clerk Fetterly, **SUPPORTED BY** Trustee Henderson to approve the installation of a streetlight by DTE at the intersection of North Custer and Doty Roads. **MOTION CARRIED**

PLANNING COMMISSION: Trustee Woelmer reported the Planning Commission met on February 21, 2019. Clerk Fetterly was there to administer the Oath of Office to new member Ryan Timiney and the reappointment of Craig Assenmacher, Ann Nickel-Swinkey and Mike Jaworski. The members voted to keep the existing officers for another year. John Delmotte, Chairman, Mike Jaworski, Vice-Chairman, Ann Nickel-Swinkey, Secretary. They discussed the recommended amendments to the Zoning Ordinance that the sub committee had made. Primarily 4 sections: Accessory Buildings, Ponds, Keeping of Livestock and Animals and schedule of regulations. No votes were taken to accept changes. They will wait and make any changes at one time. The next scheduled meeting is March 18, 2019 but at this time we have no new business on the Agenda.

LMR: Trustee Henderson reported the next meeting will be March 18th 2019 7:00pm. The 3 entities will be bringing their approvals back to LMR for the budget.

ZBA: A public hearing requesting a variance under Raisinville Township Zoning Ordinance #61, Sec 3.14 (2) location was held on February 25, 2019 for 3508 Sheick Road (Wick Buildings/Andy Offrink- contractor and owners Brian & Kaitlyn Walter).

The following motion was approved 4-1.

Motion to approve the variance to allow the placement of the accessory building in the front yard with the condition that the owner must install new screening (such as an arborvitae) which sufficiently blocks the view of the accessory building on the west side and shall maintain existing evergreen trees which screen the proposed building on the north side and

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to replace any dead or diseased trees. This condition shall be a continuing obligation for so long as the structure is on the Property and shall be binding on the heirs, successors and assigns of the Property.

CITIZEN COMMENT TIME: Gary Busenbark of 3799 Gruber Road asked about the Heiss Road chip and seal cost share. Tim Bordine, President of Village of Dundee, stated he has been stopping at other township meetings to ask if people were wanting a Meijers store in Dundee.

BOARD COMMENT TIME:

Trustee Henderson- pass. Treasurer Meyer will be closing the books and turning the roll over to the County on Thursday. Clerk Fetterly stated Ricks Lawn Service (cemetery mowing and clean up- all except Rath Cemetery) submitted a new bid for 2 years with no price increase. She also stated that during the Election Audit conducted by the State of Michigan that she was told she needed to have 2 VAT machines. A resolution giving her authority to sign for the grant was already on file from March of 2017 and she signed to receive a grant for the additional required VAT machine. Supervisor Blanchette reported on the meeting he attended at the Ida Township Hall that included the Monroe County Drain Commission regarding the Pump Station and the cost for repairs and maintenance. They (Ida Twp., MCDC and Raisinville) agreed to move forward with the project. Ida will look into bonding the project, whereas Raisinville has money set aside for this project. They also discussed raising the REU fees. Currently, Ida and Raisinville residents in the Ida/Raisinville Sewer District pay \$30.00 per REU on their sewer bill. To compensate for the cost of repairs and future maintenance to the pump station, a \$5.00 increase was discussed for both Townships.

MOTION BY Trustee Meyer, **SUPPORTED BY** Trustee Woelmer to raise the monthly REU fee for Raisinville residents in the Ida/Raisinville Sewer districts from \$30.00 to \$35.00.

MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURMENT: **MOTION BY** Trustee Henderson **SUPPORTED BY** Trustee Woelmer to adjourn at 7:48 pm **MOTION CARRIED.**

Brenda Fetterly, Clerk, Raisinville Township

Attested:

Gerald Blanchette, Supervisor, Raisinville Township