

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2020, 7:00 P.M.
FOSTER TOWNSHIP HALL
1968 CLEAR LAKE RD, WEST BRANCH, MI 48661**

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Miller at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call, Shirey; Miller; Lauwers; McIntyre, Brenner, present.

Motion by Lauwers, supported by Shirey, to approve December minutes, the motion carried.

Cindy Sharow with the 2020 Census handed out brochures on the 2020 census. Cindy reported that it is a part time job beginning April 1, 2020-August 1, 2020. The pay is \$17.50 an hour and .58cents a mile. Looking for census takers and recruiters. Apply online at 2020census.gov/jobs. A paid three-day training in Traverse City is required; mileage coming home and meals are reimbursed.

Treasurer report received and filed.

Assessor reported on the resolutions that need to be adopted. Motion by Brenner, supported by Miller, to adopt the 2020 Poverty Exemption Resolution, Roll Call vote: Shirey, aye, Lauwers, aye, Miller, aye, Brenner, aye, McIntyre, aye. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Motion by Miller, supported by Brenner, to adopt Alternative Starting Date for Board of Review 2020, Roll Call vote: Shirey, aye, Lauwers, aye, Miller, aye, Brenner, aye, McIntyre, aye. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Motion by Brenner, supported by Miller, to approve the 2020 Poverty Exemption Application, Roll Call vote: Shirey, aye, Lauwers, aye, Miller, aye, Brenner, aye, McIntyre, aye. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Commissioner Scott reported on county business-a canine dog is coming to the Sheriff department. Commissary funds are paying for the new vehicle for the dog.

Fire Department Chief Barrett reported they received a \$300.00 grant and will buying uniforms for the department for events. Brenner is meeting the concrete block builder on Thursday at the fire hall. The electrician is not available at this time.

Supervisor Miller, reported on the meeting at the annex with Municipal League on the hiring of a new county manager. The meeting went very well a lot of Supervisor's were there and gave their input. The Municipal League will compile the information and a report will be distributed.

Library report on file.

Old Business-Clerk reported that she is not going to purchase a new laptop for the election had a state drive installed on the old laptop.

New Business-Motion by McIntyre, supported by Miller, for those who wanted to attend the Township Convention in Traverse City may go April 27-30, 2020, the motion carried.

Board opted out of getting raises this year.

Free Dump day is June 27, 2020 8:00 a.m.-2:00p.m.

Motion by Brenner, supported by Shirey, to appoint Board of Review members, Dave Ball, Jim Badelt, Sabra Hughes and Ed Miller as alternate; the motion carried.

Correspondence-Miller read the letter from the City of West Branch on the Veterans Banner Program.

Public Comment-Brian Gilbert announced his candidacy for Sherriff. Colleen VanGoethem announced her candidacy for Township Treasurer.

Motion by Brenner, supported by Miller, to pay bills presented from the Clerk, the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Minutes prepared by,

Karen McIntyre, Township Clerk

Approved by Supervisor Sandi Miller