

Essex Township - Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting

August 28, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.

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

Visitors: Michael and Linda Fox, Assessor Beth Botke

Call to Order: Township Supervisor Carla Wardin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Lowe United Methodist Church Hall followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitor Statements:

Township Assessor Beth Botke

- Garth Gilbert will be working as Beth's assistant
- L-4029 is complete
- Hemp farms are regulated by Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

Minutes of June 19, 2019 Meeting: Gavenda moved to approve the meeting minutes; supported by George. Motion passed and carried (MPC).

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was reviewed.

Trustee Reports: None

Treasurer's Report:

- The general ledger for the period 6/1/19 – 8/22/19 was reviewed including checks #6230-6258.
- The checking balance is \$110,951.09.
- Cemetery CD balance is \$8358.10. Tax checking balance is \$40,911.35.
- Bank service fees have increased.
- The treasurer has received several requests for tax file information which is public information. These requests were filled at no charge.
- Gavenda moved to accept the treasurer's report, supported by Conner. MPC.

Clerk's Report:

- Year to date budget was reviewed.
- Reviewed Essex Township's 2019 property and casualty insurance coverage.
- Gavenda moved to accept the clerk's report, supported by George. MPC.

Supervisor's Report

- Wardin moved to accept the Clinton Area Ambulance Articles of Incorporation, supported by George. MPC.
- Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc. submitted an application for access to and ongoing use of public ways by telecommunications providers. Tri-County is in the process of bringing high speed internet fiber to the area. Essex received a \$500.00 application fee.
- Clinton County has proposed a zoning ordinance amendment – No. OR-152-19, Recreational Marihuana Establishments Prohibition. This amendment states that the eleven townships within Clinton County that do not have their own zoning boards have opted out of allowing marihuana establishments within their townships.
- Kelby Leiby, Maple Rapids Fire Department Chief, submitted a wish list of items the fire department would like to purchase if funds are available.

New Business:

- George moved to approve the 2019 Millage Request (L-4029) at the rate of .9974 and .4957, supported by Gavenda. MPC.

Adjournment: George moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m, supported by Gavenda. MPC. The next regular meeting of the Essex Township Board will be held October 16, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowe United Methodist Church Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Conner
Essex Township Clerk