

## Essex Township

### Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting

October 18, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

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

**Visitors:** County Commissioner Kam Washburn, Assessor Beth Botke, James and Ida Bancroft

**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:

*County Commissioner Kam Washburn*

- A public hearing was held to discuss the county budget. Total budget is \$42 million with a \$20.1 million operating budget. Development within the county is encouraged to increase revenue from property tax.
- The board passed a resolution to name November Homeless Recognition Week.
- Road north of Maple Rapids is suffering shoulder erosion. Situation is being assessed.

*Township Assessor Beth Botke*

- PK Housing Management is appealing their assessment. Hearing is 12/12/17.
- Principle Residence Exemptions (PRE) are ready for winter tax.

*James Bancroft*

- Submitted footing bill.

**Minutes of June 21, 2017 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:

#### Treasurer's Report:

- The general ledger for the period 08/06/17–10/09/17 was reviewed including checks #5901-5925.
- The checking balance is \$76,482.85. Total income for the period 08/06/17–10/09/17 was \$24,966.60 while total expenses were \$34,774.73.
- Cemetery CD balance is \$8358.10. Tax checking balance is \$9832.75.
- Gavenda moved to accept the treasurer's report, supported by Winsor. MPC.

### Clerk's Report:

- Year to date budget was reviewed.
- The garage door on shed in Lowe cemetery is broken. Winsor to assess.
- A footing in Sowle cemetery is to be moved by Jim Bancroft for the estimated cost of \$150. Footing will move from space 159A to 242C (Maude Jolls).
- Gavenda moved to accept the clerk's report, supported by Goerge. MPC.

### Supervisor's Report

- **RESOLUTION FOR ROADS AND BRIDGES MILLAGE**

#### *Renewal Question for Extra-Voted Millage*

*WHEREAS, the Township Board of Essex Township, realizes the importance of maintaining local roads, and wishes to continue to repairing, improving, rebuilding, repaving, provide dust control and generally maintaining the integrity of the Township roads; and*

*WHEREAS, townships may also levy a property tax of not to exceed 3 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation of the township in any year for the maintenance or improvement of county roads within the township, as authorized by Public Act 51 of 1951, MCL 247.670; and*

*WHEREAS, townships may impose and levy ad valorem property taxes to finance lawful public service services, as authorized by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and other laws; and*

*WHEREAS, the Essex Township Board wishes to levy 0.5000 mil to provide maintenance for the Township rural roads;*

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Essex Township Board of Clinton County approves the following millage ballot question language and directs the Clerk to submit it to be placed on the May 8, 2018, election ballot:*

*Shall the expired previous voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Essex Township, of .5 mills (\$.50 per \$1,000 of*

*taxable value), reduced to .4970 mills (\$.497 per \$1,000 of taxable value) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed at up to .4970 mills (\$.497 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and levied for four (4) years, 2018 through 2021 inclusive, for maintaining, rebuilding, repaving, repairing, and improving the rural township roads, raising an estimated \$27,700 in the first year the millage is levied?*

[ ] Yes

[ ] No

Motion made by Gavenda. Supported by Goerge.

Upon roll call vote the following voted

“Aye”: Gavenda, Winsor, Wardin, Conner, Goerge

“No”:

Supervisor Wardin declared the resolution adopted.

- The Township Planning Commission reported the following:
  - o Deadlines for Maniez are approaching (all spoils to be removed by November 1 and the site reclaimed by December 1).
  - o Building and construction are up within Clinton County.
  - o Zoning violations within the county are down.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

**Adjournment:** Goerge moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m., supported by Winsor. MPC. The next regular meeting of the Essex Township Board will be held December 20, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Lowe United Methodist Church Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Conner

Essex Township Clerk