

# APPROVED MINUTES

EVERETT TOWNSHIP  
BOARD MEETING  
May 16, 2017

1. **Call to Order:** Supervisor Judy Maike called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.
2. **Roll call:** Present: Judy Maike, Supervisor; Brandy Fleming, Treasurer; Curt Chaffee, Trustee. Richard Long, Trustee; Pamela Chaffee, Clerk. Also Attending: Jeffrey Craigmyle, Transfer Station Officer; Kelly Smith, Newaygo County Road Commission, Bob Hall, Zoning Administrator, Glenda Thompson, resident, Mike Tackett, MERS.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance.**
4. **Agenda Approval:** Supervisor Maike made the motion to approve the agenda. Support by Trustee Long. Ayes all. Passed.
5. **Approval of Board Minutes of April 18, 2017:** Trustee Curt Chaffee made the motion to approve the presented minutes for approval with the correction noted to the total of the amount of the total bank amount to \$293,963.80. Supported by Trustee Richard Long. Ayes all. Motion Passed.
6. **Public Comment:** *Bob Hall, Zoning Administrator*, spoke first and stated that May would be his last month with us after 9 ½ years. He said that he would be available to Mike Mohr for any questions. *Glenda Thompson* spoke passionately to the Board about the blighted conditions both at the trailer East of the Township Hall and the burned garage across the street
7. **Bills & Financials:**
  - A. **Treasurer's Financial Report** – Treasurer Brandy Fleming passed out the current report of funds available as is balanced to the Bank Statement. General Funds including Road Funds is \$290,214.18. The total in the Tax Account is \$102.31.
  - B. **Clerk presents Township Bills** – Clerk Pamela Chaffee presented check registers supporting the payments for approval of \$20,264.54. Supervisor Judy Maike made a motion to approve the bills as presented, supported by Clerk Pamela Chaffee. Ayes all. Motion carried.
  - C. **Budget Review:** Clerk Pamela Chaffee had not printed the budget report. The Board will have a current report next month.
8. **Unfinished Business:**
  - A. **Road Commission Bid:** Kelly Smith from the Newaygo County Road Commission spoke next about the proposed paving project on Spruce from 2,000 feet north of 40<sup>th</sup> to 40<sup>th</sup> Street. He answered many questions about both that project and the composition of brine used on County Roads. The Board asked Kelly Smith to approach the Road Commission with a suggested compromise of 50% of the price of the Spruce project (bringing our amount down to \$50,018.50) and delayed payment until Spring 2018. He will need an answer before July 2017.
  - B. **MERS:** Mike Tackett then presented the Board with much information about the MERS pension plan. He left the Board with the materials needed to make a decision as well as the process/resolution that would be needed if the Board decided to make the change.
9. **New Business**
  - A. **Legal Services:** Cliff Bloom has presented the Board with a proposal of no retainer and a rate of \$195 per hour for representing our Township – with a greater amount of \$210 per hour for any tax appeal work. Trustee Richard Long made the motion to make Cliff Bloom our official Township Attorney. Support by Clerk Pamela Chaffee. Ayes all. Motion passed.

**B. Dust Control:** The Board has received some complaints of dust already this year. After considering the bids from both D&D and Michigan Chloride, Trustee Curt Chaffee made the motion to hire Michigan Chloride to do two applications this year with the first to be done asap. Support by Trustee Richard Long. Ayes all. Motion Passed.

10. **Officer's Reports**

- a. **Zoning Official/Planning Co/ZBA:** Planning Commission Secretary/Township Clerk Pamela Chaffee presented the Board with the newest ordinance "AUTO STORAGE, SALVAGE, AND JUNK YARDS" for their approval. After discussion, Clerk Pamela Chaffee made the motion to approve the ordinance. Support by Trustee Richard Long. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – JM, BF, PC, RL. No-CC. Motion passed.
- b. **County Commissioner:** no report
- c. **Transfer Station:** Jeffrey Craigmyle reported that the transfer station is getting about 50-60 customers on Saturdays but Wednesdays are still slow. He said one customer filled an entire dumpster and was charged \$225..
- d. **Supervisor:** Supervisor Judy Maike has contacted AT&T to get a better plan for us that should bring our next bill back down. The regular monthly bill will then be \$85 plus taxes. The Cemetery Board meeting will be changed to May 23<sup>rd</sup> as three of our Board members will be attending a County meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup>.
- e. **Clerk:** none.
- f. **Treasurer:** none.
- g. **Trustees:** Trustee Curt Chaffee said that he had been contacted by a resident that would like to see the township offer a free trash day. The Board will consider making the October Clean-Up Day free to residents.

11. **Public Comment:** none present

12. Adjournment at 3:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Pamela Chaffee on 6/19/2017