

June 24, 2015

Special Meeting of the Essex
Township Board

Essex Township Clinton County, Michigan

Carla Wardin, Supervisor
Angela Bunn, Clerk
Kathy George, Treasurer
Rex Ferguson, Trustee
James Gavenda, Trustee

6/24/2015 SPECIAL MEETING

Township Supervisor Carla Wardin called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Bengal Township Hall. This meeting was held jointly with Bengal Township and Dallas Township. She began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Supervisor Carla Wardin, Trustee Rex Ferguson, Treasurer Kathleen George, Trustee James Gavenda and Clerk Angi Bunn

BENGAL AND DALLAS TOWNSHIP BOARDS

Bengal Township Board: Deborah Schafer, Supervisor; Denice Schultheiss, Treasurer; William Kushmaul, Trustee; Elizabeth Ayoub, Clerk; Nicholas McDonald, Trustee
Dallas Township Board: Vern Feldpausch, Supervisor; Therese Koenigsknecht, Clerk; Gerald Arens, Treasurer; Philip Schafer, Trustee; Stephanie Schafer, Trustee

INVITED GUESTS

William Fahey, Attorney; Chris Patterson, Attorney

VISITORS

Lori Pung

Pung urged the Townships to appeal the Court's decision.

CAAA Ambulance purchase resolution

Wardin motioned to pass a resolution to authorize the Clinton Area Ambulance Authority to purchase and finance a new ambulance (see attached resolution language). Motion support by George. Roll call vote: George – aye; Ferguson – aye; Gavenda – aye; Wardin – aye; Bunn – aye. Resolution declared adopted.

Bengal and Dallas Townships also passed resolutions to authorize the purchase and finance of the ambulance.

Background

Attorney Bill Fahey gave a brief background of the Forest Hill Fowler Farms LLC. court case, including the decision issued by the Michigan State Court of Appeals

CLOSED SESSION

Wardin motioned to convene a closed session to consult with Township Attorneys regarding trial strategy specific to the Forest Hill Energy Fowler Farms LLC. court case. The motion was supported by George. Roll call vote: Supervisor Wardin – Aye; Trustee R. Ferguson - Aye; Treasurer George – Aye; Clerk Bunn – Aye; Gavenda - Aye. Motion passed and carried. Supervisor Wardin convened the closed session at 7:20 pm.

RECONVENE

Wardin motioned to reconvene the open meeting at 8:05 pm, support by Ferguson. Motion passed and carried (MPC).

Application to leave to the Supreme Court

Supervisor Wardin motioned for Essex Township to grant authority to the Township Attorney to file an application to leave to the Michigan Supreme Court. Motion supported by George. Roll call vote: Gavenda - aye Ferguson – aye, George – aye, Wardin – aye, Bunn abstains. MPC.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, Wardin moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. Support by Gavenda. MPC.

The next regular meeting of the Essex Township Board will be August 19, 2015 at 7:00 pm at the Maple Rapids Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Bunn
Essex Township Clerk

Essex Township
Resolution to Authorize
Clinton Area Ambulance Service Authority
to Purchase and Finance a New Ambulance

Whereas: Essex Township is a municipality which is a member of the Clinton Area Ambulance Service Authority (hereafter referred as CAASA); and

Whereas: Each member municipality contributes \$3.00 per capita for capital expenses including the acquisition of new ambulances; and

Whereas: CAASA intends to purchase one (1) ambulance and related equipment (the "Property") from Kodiak Emergency Vehicles, Grand Ledge, Michigan (the "Seller"), in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Three Dollars (\$149,983), and to enter into an installment purchase agreement (the "Installment Purchase Agreement") to finance a portion of the cost to purchase the Property; and

Whereas: The CAASA Board has received an offer from Mercantile Bank (the "Bank") to finance One Hundred Fourteen Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Three Dollars (\$114,983) through an Installment Purchase Agreement at an interest rate not to exceed two and eight tenths percent (2.8%) per annum over a period of not to exceed four (4) years, with monthly principal and interest payments beginning no later than thirty (30) days after the date of funding/closing, with monthly interest thereon, based upon a 360-day year, 30-day month. The Installment Purchase Agreement may be prepaid in whole or in part at any time with a two percent (2%) prepayment premium, and without penalty, with funds withdrawn from the Authority's cash reserves, and the Board now desires to accept that offer; and

Whereas: The Articles of Incorporation of CAASA requires that all member municipalities approve by resolution in approval for CAASA to seek financing for such acquisition.

Now Therefore, Be It resolved that Essex Township does hereby approve of CAASA to enter into an Installment Purchase Agreement in order to finance the purchase of the Property described above.

In Witness Whereof, I, Carla Wardin, Essex Township Supervisor, have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Essex Township to be affixed this 24th day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Fifteen.

COPY OF RESOLUTION

Carla Wardin
Essex Township Supervisor