

REYNOLDS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 12, 2013

Supervisor Fisk called the regular meeting of the Board to order at 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was given. Pastor Rick Carpenter of Brockway Wesleyan Church, Morley, MI gave the invocation.

MEMBERS PRESENT: (all): Supervisor Fisk, Clerk Sholty, Treasurer Stevens, Trustee Kindel and Trustee Smith.

PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion: Approve consent agenda consisting of August 8, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Board, Police report, Fire report, Zoning report, Treasurer's Report, Library report, monthly bills and approval of Dangerous and Dilapidated Building Public Hearing Special Meeting Minutes. Motion by Sholty, 2nd by Smith, Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, motion carried.

BUSINESS TO REVISIT: Sheriff William Barnwell of the Montcalm County Sheriff's Dept. spoke on how the county and township contracts work in general and stated talks with the Village of Howard City Police Dept. are only in the very early stages. Montcalm County currently contracts with 4 other townships. The average cost for an officer is \$71,000 per year. Due to current tough economic times more townships are looking into a contract option.

Village of Howard City Police Chief, Steve DeWitt reiterated he is not speaking on behalf of the Village, but personally and would try to answer concerns residents may have. Chief DeWitt also stated talks (Village of Howard City Police Dept. & Montcalm County Sheriff's Dept.) are only in the preliminary stage, there are still unknowns and he cannot comment regarding the talks. Bottom line, he truly believes nothing will happen that is not fair to all parties involved. Chief DeWitt stated he is very proud of his department and thanked residents for their support.

Motion: Tentatively continue with current contract with Village Police Dept. for 20 hrs. weekly, until Howard City Police Dept. and Montcalm County get further along in negotiations. At that time we will know all of the facts and can look at it a little closer. Motion by Sholty, 2nd by Stevens, Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, motion carried.

Supervisor Fisk spoke with several residents regarding Tamarack Road portion from West County Line one half mile East and not all residents share the same concerns regarding the road. Township cannot justify the cost for bringing the road up to County specs for the County to maintain the road.

Motion: Table Tamarack Road project. Motion by Smith, 2nd by Sholty, Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Copier in poor condition, (purchased in 2003) shredding documents and has been down for repairs several times. Prices were compared; a special promotion through Canon is the lowest price at \$4180 for color (\$115 more than black & white) as compared to \$4565 for a Sharp black & white. Price per copy is lower with the color printer as compared with black & white.

Motion: To purchase a new Canon Copier at \$4180.00 with maintenance agreement. Motion by Stevens, 2nd by Smith, Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, motion carried.

BOARD COMMENTS: Trustee Smith: Congratulations to Louise Culver on being the Grand Marshal for the Harvest Fest Parade.

Supervisor Fisk: Report was received from Hearing Officer regarding MNS. It does need to be properly secured, safe and all debris cleaned up within a 15-day timeline (before Sept. 20.) There is an on-going court issue with the building so it cannot be removed at this time, within 30 days of the end of the court proceedings; the building has to be removed. The township attorney will monitor that process.

Meeting adjourned: 8:43 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 10, 2013 at 7:00 p.m., 215 E. Edgerton St., Howard City. For more information call the township office at 231-937-6739 or check our website www.montcalm.org/reynolds.asp.

Assessor: Dennis Wright – 989-560-6448

Zoning Administrator: Arthur Ross – 231-245-6341