

REYNOLDS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

1.12.17

Supervisor Kindel called the regular Meeting of the Board to order at 7:00 pm., Pledge of Allegiance was given. Invocation given by Robert Richards.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Kindel, Clerk Sholty, Treasurer Stedman and Trustee Saucier
Absent: Trustee Eversole

PUBLIC COMMENT: Montcalm County Parks Committee Member, Mike Scott gave an update on the county parks. They are seeking contributions for maintenance to help keep the parks going. They are asking for a commitment by March 15th so the parks will not have to close.

Regarding budget and procedures, are we going to get bids for township attorney? Assessor? Grounds care? What about dollar amounts before work goes out for bids?

Roger, you indicated, last month, people with A-K had some issues, what's the schedule on resolving those?

CONSENT AGENDA: Zoning Administrator Mark Stevens presented the Zoning Report, Planning Commission Chairman, Jerry Poprawski presented the Planning Commission Report and Deputy Butts presented the Police report.

Motion: Approve consent agenda consisting of November 30, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes, December 8 Regular Meeting of the Board Minutes, Police Report, Fire Reports, Planning Commission Report, Zoning Report, Library Report and the Township's Monthly Bills. Motion by Saucier, 2nd by Sholty, Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Rob Spohr, President, Montcalm Economic Alliance gave a presentation on what the Economic Alliance does, how it affects the township and the importance of contributions to make the program a success. He asked the board to please consider contributing to the program while the budget process is in the works.

Special Land Use permit for multi-family housing in a single-family district. Motion: Accept Planning Commission's recommendation and allow the Special Land Use for multi-family housing in a single-family district, until change in ownership making it null and void. Motion by Saucier, 2nd by Sholty, Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Motion carried.

Zoning Board of Appeals needs Planning Commission member. Motion: Appoint Robert Richards as Planning Commission member to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion by Sholty, 2nd by Stedman, Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Motion carried.

Discussion regarding Consumers Energy outdoor lighting options. LED vs High Pressure Sodium.
Motion: Allow Consumers Energy to convert mercury vapor street light to high pressure sodium at a monthly savings of \$26.63. Motion by Sholty, 2nd by Stedman, Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Motion carried.

Consumers Energy did an audit of street lights and we were overcharged \$341.22. They have credited \$378. 95 (overcharge plus \$37.73 interest.)

Discussion regarding policies, procedures, and budget.

BOARD COMMENTS: Treasurer Stedman answering public comment: I'm working through all the tax bill issues at the time the payment comes in; sending out a refund check with a receipt. To send new tax bills is not worth it. New tax bills went out for the drain assessments.

Trustee Saucier: What happened with a veteran tax on the tax bills? Treasurer Stedman: Residents are being refunded that money.

Trustee Saucier: I think we should look at making bathroom and entrances ADA compliant.

Treasurer Stedman: Robin and I have been talking about office needed improvements; windows with plastic on them and a very cold floor where your feet freeze.

Trustee Saucier: We need to enforce rules at the cemetery. Board will further discuss how best to approach enforcement.

Supervisor Kindel: We can get estimates on these issues. We may not be able to do them all this year, but we'll take a look.

Meeting adjourned: 8:36 p.m. Motion by Sholty, 2nd by Saucier, Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Motion Carried.

Next Meeting: February 9, 2017 at 7:00 pm., 215 E. Edgerton St., Howard City. For more information, call the township office at 231 937-6739 or check our website at www.reynoldstwp.org.