**June 13, 2018**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Michael Adams, Supervisor; Amy Richards, Clerk; Rosemary Hyde, Treasurer; Tim Rau, Trustee; and Steve Sprague, Trustee.

**MEMBER ABSENT:** none.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Michael Adams, Supervisor.

Pledge to the Flag

A **Motion** was made by Hyde to approve the amended Agenda, **Second** Rau. **Motion carried.**

A **Motion** to approve the May 9, 2018 Township Board Meeting minutes was made by Hyde, **Second** Rau. **Motion carried.**

**Treasurer’s Report:** The report was distributed to the audience and Board Members. A **Motion** was made by Rau to approve the Treasurer’s Report, **Second** Richards. **Motion carried**.

**Payment of Bills:**  A **Motion** to approve Payment of Bills was made by Richards, **Second** Hyde. **Motion carried**.

**Supervisor’s Comments:** The Supervisor commented on the need for training and education for the Planning Commission and ZBA Members, pointing the Deputy Sherriff toward Vining Rd. and Twin Bridges for the safety and security of our residents, and the importance of keeping our Cemeteries presentable.

**Reports:**

* **Sheriff Report:** Deputy Nick McConnell was not present to give the Sheriff’s Report, Supervisor Adams read the report.
* **Planning Commission:** Dick Karnatz, Chairman, was present to provide the Planning Commission report. He is planning a Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals member training session. He reminded the Board that we have a PC Meeting Aug 1st.
* **Zoning Board of Appeals:** Trustee Sprague gave the ZBA report. Discussed the need to amend the ZBA minutes, as they stand may open the Township up for Lawsuits. Discussion about the recent ZBA decision lead to the recommendation to amend the Zoning Ordinance and a push for the Planning Commission to present that amendment to the Board.
* **Cemeteries:** 2 Burials in East Montcalm, 1 at Little Denmark, and 1 at Monroe
* **Library Board:**  The Library Board meeting agenda and report is posted on the Township bulletin board.
* **Zoning Administrator:**  Mike Nelson was present, provided an update on permits and offered additional discussion on the short term rental topic.
* **County Commissioner:** County Commissioner John Johansen reported on the following: the continued growth of new building activity and building permits issued by county, touched on some of the August Ballot Proposals, Commission on Aging, 911 surcharges, and the 4h and Extension mileages. Discussed concerns and gave comments on and about the Township Cemeteries.
* **Fire Department:**  Chief Dickinson was present to give the Fire Report. Encouraged participation of the June 23rd Open House to tour the new Station and see the new Fire Truck.
* **Trustees:** Sprague thanked the audience for attending the meeting. Rau also thanked the public for attending and wished the Fathers a happy father’s day this weekend.
* **Clerk:** Brought up the single hauler licensing for unified Township trash removal and asked the Board to revisit this topic at the next meeting.

**Public Comment – Concerning Reports:**  Discussion about the rental violation, the need for better cemetery grounds keeping, and concerns about short term rentals took place among the public and the Board. There is also great concern for the safety of the residents on Vining road due to the speed of the travelers. Shout out/kudos to Jeff Kluzac for volunteering his time and equipment to clean up the downed tree in East Montcalm Cemetery.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:**

Cemetery Sexton Duties: The Board discussed the resignation of the current Sexton Steve Merren and the suggested replacement of Mr. Heckman. A **Motion** to hire Mr. Heckman to finish the 2018 season was made by Richards, **Second** Rau. **Motion carried**.

Cemetery Mowing Duties: The Board discussed the resignation of Steve Merren as the Grounds Keeper and the need to hire a new Grounds Keeper. Merren declared that he will not seek an adjustment in pay and would like to be replaced as soon as possible. He will remain as Grounds Keeper until the Board can contract with a new company. A **Motion** to run a Help Wanted ad in the Greenville Daily news and other sources was made by Hyde, **Second** Richards. **Motion carried**.

MTA Membership: The Board discussed the pros/cons of becoming a member of the Michigan Township Association at the request of Trustee Rau. The Board will table that decision until next month to give the Board an opportunity to further research the idea.

**Public Comment:** Discussion and concerns about the cemeteries, loitering at Twin Bridges, MTA Membership pros/cons, Vining Rd Speeders/ reckless drivers, and comments thanking the Fire Department for a job well done.

A **Motion** to adjourn was made by Hyde, SecondRau. **Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:204 p.m.

Submitted by:

Amy A. Richards, Clerk

Posted: 6/15/2018 at 10:48 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Approved