

OAKFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
October 13, 2020

2020-14

CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Oakfield Township Board of Trustees held October 13, 2020 at 10300 14 Mile Road, Rockford, MI., was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Present were: Greg Dean, Larry Parker, Pamela Riker, Ken Rittersdorf, Chad Sowerby, Bryan Porter & Sue Trainer

Absent:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve regular meeting minutes for September 8, 2020 offered by Sowerby second by Rittersdorf approved per a voice vote 7-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Motion to approve Treasury Report for September 2020 offered by Porter second by Rittersdorf approved per a voice vote 7-0.

Motion to approve transfer of funds from the Fire Millage to the Pumper Fund 340-706 in the amount of \$10,000 offered by Porter second by Sowerby approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

Motion to approve transfer of funds from the Fire Millage to the General Fund in the amount of \$5,223.50 offered by Sowerby second by Parker approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

Motion to approve General Fund expenditures for the month of September 2020 in the amount of \$66,714.80 offered by Porter second by Sowerby approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

Motion to approve Scram Lake expenditures for the month of September 2020 in the amount of \$1,118.72 offered by Sowerby second by Parker approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire Department:

- 17 calls for September. 13 medical, 2 grass, 1 illegal burn, 1 Grattan assist.

Monthly Training – Annual Hazmat Refresher/Airway Management.

Both engines and air packs tested. Up on all inspections.

Knox Corporation registration was completed allowing local businesses to order Knox Boxes. One will be installed at the new gas station. Another one will be installed at the Baptist Church. If have ordinance drawn up PCI would inspect future Knox Boxes when they do occupancy inspections.

Sam would like a letter of endorsement to run for a trustee for the Western Michigan Fire Chiefs Association. Need letter by October 28.

First Consumers Power bill has been sent.

Released an employee today due to lack of participation.

PCI Report: 26 building permits, 18 electrical, 9 mechanical, 9 plumbing, 1 LP & 2 fireplace.

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Planning Commission: Meeting Tuesday September 15, 2020 Public Hearing for Impact Power Sports approval to build a steel storage building was approved. No meeting this month offered by Dean second by Porter approved per a roll call vote 7-0. Next month will have a meeting.

Zoning Board of Appeals: No meeting last month. Probably have a meeting in next 2 months. Automation Design asking for a variance.

Zoning Administrator: Greg made a motion to advertise the position on the Township sign and in the paper. Second by Porter approved by roll call vote 7-0. A couple tickets will be written.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

- MTA-Federal judge ruled Census can be extended to the end of October.
- 2020-2021 Budget finalized revenue will go up 2% for townships.
- Local authority preempted on sand and gravel mining bill assault on local control pushed to legislature to be controlled by DEQ and State of Michigan.
- Lynn Afendoulis sent letter to Greg thanking him for his support.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Secretary/Receptionist-Dean, Parker & Trainer interviewed 4 candidates on Monday night. Amy Christenson was their recommendation. Amy was present at the meeting and spoke to the board. Motion to approved Amy for position offered by Porter second by Rittersdorf approved per a roll call 6-0 Parker abstained. Amy will start work on the 26th of October.
- Fire Charges to Consumers Power-our fee schedule is very old we might want to update it..
- Snow Plow Bids-O'Dowd only company to submit bid. \$75.00/push Motion to approve O'Dowd bid offered by Sowerby second by Parker approved per roll call vote 7-0.
- Cemetery Bids-O'Dowd only bidder. Motion to approve O'Dowd bid offered by Sowerby second by Rittersdorf approved by roll call vote 7-0.
- Louis Anderson Property-Lien has been put against property \$14,000-\$15,000. Lien for asbestos removal. If not paid will attach to taxes.
- FEMA-Flood Insurance-we have been approved. Post this on our website.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 13 Mile Paving Project-First on list to finish up in the Spring.
- Cemetery Wells are turned off.
- Appreciation Gathering for Fire Fighters Oct. 15 @ 6:00pm-Masks required-Auxiliary put this together.
- Board Approval for extra election workers for November election due to increased voter volume. Motion to approve offered by Dean second by Sowerby approved per roll call vote 7-0.
- Hall Rental-rental for December-carry over money to next year. If order isn't recended-no rentals-refund money or carry over –renters choice.Parker asked why not renting hall. Because of cost to sanitize the building after every rental. Motion offered by Dean second by Sowerby approved by roll call vote 7-0.

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- Emergency Order under MCL 333.2253-Gathering Prohibition & Mask Order. Can't require masks during election. Closing hall day after election to clean hall.
- Public Act 144 or PA 123 of the Cares Act- Peterson applied but missed out on grant because the deadline was wrong. Were told deadline was Oct. 31 but it was actually September 30th.
- Budgeting Print out of spreadsheet Row 159-Fire Department page 10 incorrect.
- Dangerous Building Hearing for a house on 10 Mile- House has been condemned man still living in it. Won't respond to building inspectors. House is headed to Dangerous Building hearing. Peterson will drive by and look at it.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

BOARD COMMENTS: Dean invited to meeting on Oct 21 by Scram Lake Association with DEQ, Road Commission to approve a culver being lowered to lower the lake level. Kent County not in favor of this.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm offered by Porter second by Sowerby approved per a voice call vote.

Susan Trainer
Oakfield Township Clerk