

Minutes of REGULAR MEETING

Held April 9, 2013

7:00 PM

TOWNSHIP OF MARATHON

Dawn Johnson, Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Supervisor Moorhouse led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Fred Moorhouse, Supervisor
Sandi Glesenkamp, Treasurer
Dawn Johnson, Clerk
Karen Webber, Trustee
Jim Chaffer, Trustee

Others in attendance, see attached sign in sheet.

AGENDA Moorhouse made a motion, supported by Chaffer to approve the agenda. All AYES. Motion carried.

MINUTES Glesenkamp made a motion, supported by Webber to approve the minutes for the work session meeting held March 7, 2013 and regular meeting held March 12, 2013. All AYES. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT The financial report was accepted into record

PUBLIC COMMENT Tom Valentine, Township Assessor, informed the Board that the Michigan Supreme Court will not hear the Township's appeal in the Camp Retreats tax tribunal case. The Court of Appeals decision overrode the Michigan Tax Tribunal case and the Camp is now exempt from taxes for 2008-2010. The tribunal case for 2011 and 2012 are currently held in abeyance and the Board must decide if they want to proceed with appealing those years. Tom would like to read the opinion rendered by the court of appeals thoroughly before giving us his thoughts.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dangerous building issue, Ross property Mr. Ross was present to give the Board an update on his property. He has requested that Judy vacate the home by May 4th. Once she has left the home, the building will be used as storage only. If this takes place, the township will put the dangerous building complaint on hold.

Bids for sale of township owned property Johnson opened three bids that were submitted for the sale of township property, one for the Norway Lake Road property, two bids for the Briggs Road property. We will contact the township attorney to assist us with a purchase agreement on the two properties.

NEW BUSINESS

Road projects for FY 2013-2014 The Board looked over the paving estimates presented to us from the Road Commission for Hemmingway Lake Road, Marathon Road between Barnes Lake Road and Hollenbeck and Hollenbeck Road between North Lake and Washburn. Glesenkamp made a motion, supported by Moorhosue to seek the issuance of a bond in the amount of \$400,000.00 for the Hollenbeck Road and Hemmingway Lake Road projects. The Marathon Road project was not included at this time. Roll call vote was taken. AYES Moorhouse, Glesenkamp, Johnson, Webber, Chaffer. NAYS none. Motion carried.

SLT FY 2013-14 request for contribution Glesenkamp made a motion, supported by Chaffer to approve a \$4000.00 contribution to the Southern Links Trailway Management Council in support of maintenance of the trail. All YEAS. Motion carried

Appointment of representatives to SLT Management Council Glesenkamp made a motion, supported by Webber to appoint Jim Chafer as the representative from the township board and Dale Fuller as the community member-at-large to the Southern Links Trailway Management Council. All YEAS. Motion carried.

Recommendation for hall cleaning bid After comparing the bids submitted for the hall cleaning, Glesenkamp and Johnson recommended Country Clean be awarded the bid. Chaffer made the motion, supported by Webber to accept the recommendation. All YEAS. Motion carried.

Request from Village of Columbiaville The Village has requested that the township consider making a contribution to the fireworks display for Columbiaville Days. Moorhouse made a motion, supported by Chaffer to make a contribution in the amount of \$250.00. All YEAS. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS Johnson reported on the construction that will begin soon to the polling stations, both precinct 1 and 2. This is being done through a Help America Vote Act (HAVA) grant that provides funding for making polling locations more accessible. Chaffer informed us a coalition of people will be meeting on April 13th at the Village of Columbiaville, to revisit the possibility of extending the trailway into Lapeer.

APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS

Glesenkamp made a motion, supported by Moorhouse to approve warrants 8384-8392, 8394-8434 in the amount of \$66,893.65 from general fund and warrants 5658-5660 in the amount of \$289.94 from building department fund. Roll call vote was taken. All AYES motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM

Submitted by _____
Dawn D Johnson, Clerk

Approved by _____ date _____
Fred Moorhouse, Supervisor

