

Minutes of REGULAR MEETING

Held July 14, 2015

7:00 PM

TOWNSHIP OF MARATHON

Dawn Johnson, Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 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

Cheryl Clark, County Commissioner
Lt. Engster, Lapeer County Sherriff Department
Dan Hinsberger, Township Police Deputy

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

MINUTES Chaffer made a motion, supported by Webber to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held June 9th, 2015 and the special meeting held June 18th, 2015. Roll Call vote was taken. AYES Moorhouse, Glesenkamp, Johnson, Webber, Chaffer. NAYS none. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT The financial report was accepted into record, with minor corrections.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cheryl Clark, Lapeer County Commissioner. Cheryl provided information on the current happenings of Lapeer County, one being, an update of the Career Alliance merger with Thumb Works. The contract with the participating counties will be signed next week. Marlette will be the location for the administration offices. Clark also reported that the house behind the court house in Lapeer is empty and the County Mental Health Department is asking to use it for residents for temporary housing.

Dan Hinsberger, Township Deputy. Officer Hinsberger introduced the Board to Lt. Andy Engster, who has replaced Lt. McClain, who recently retired.

PUBLIC HEARING

Dangerous Building, 4472 Klam Road, Clifford Gilbert

Chaffer made a motion, supported by Glesenkamp to recess the board meeting and convene a public hearing. All AYES. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the violations at the property on Klam Road. It has been in a state of deterioration for years. Mr. Gilbert, the owner of the property is in Florida, but called Moorhouse, acknowledging receipt of the letter sent to inform him of the hearing. He understands that something must be done with the property, but he is hoping to sell the property as is.

Glesenkamp made a motion, supported by Webber to adjourn the public hearing and reconvene back to the board meeting. All AYES. Motion carried.

Glesenkamp made a motion, supported by Chaffer to require Mr. Gilbert to submit a plan detailing how the building will be brought into compliance within twenty one (21) days of the letter to be sent informing him of the Board's decision and that the work to bring the structure into compliance must be completed within sixty (60) days of the date the submitted plan is approved by our Building Official.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Oliver, 6452 Marathon Road. Moorhouse updated the Board on the zoning violations at the Oliver property. The port-a-pottie business is still being operated from the location. It was suggested we have a meeting with Attorney Gildner to discuss our options for this zoning violation. On June 18th, Deanna Byrd requested an application for a special land use or a home occupation to go before the Planning commission to seek approval of such for the above stated property. To date, nothing has been filed. In a recent conversation Supervisor Moorhouse had with Charles Oliver, it appears he has no plans to file for a special land use. Ms. Byrd also indicated she would build a pole barn to house the port-a-potties when they are stationed at the Marathon Rd. property, if it would help her gain approval of operating a business out of that address.

Johnson, 5225 Hollenbeck Road There has been no progress made on the blight or dangerous buildings on this property. It appears there is no longer anyone living in the recreational vehicles parked there.

NEW BUSINESS

Auditors report The Board reviewed the auditors report for FY 2014-15. Glesenkamp made a motion, supported by Chaffer to accept the auditors report. All AYES. Motion carried.

Bids for parking lot Johnson opened the sealed bids received from the RFP published for the township hall parking lot resurfacing. Two bids were received. The Board will decide which bid it will approve after doing some more research.

Quote for brick foundation under picnic table The Board discussed the quote that was submitted from B & B Landscaping to create a foundation with paver bricks under the picnic table in the side yard of the hall. It was decided to also look into what it would cost to put a concrete slab down before making a final decision.

Tree trimming on township property Some dead trees need to be removed and some hanging branches need to be trimmed on the 6495 Marathon Road property. Moorhouse will contact Zac's Tree Service to find out what it will take to get the job done.

Lapeer County Community Foundation grant application Johnson informed the Board of a grant she is working on to submit to the Community Foundation to receive funds to send our police officer to tactical training school to become qualified to patrol the trailway and villages by bike. The Board was supportive of this endeavor.

APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS

Glesenkamp made a motion, supported by Chaffer to approve warrants 9645-9687 in the amount of \$43,238.17 from general fund and warrants 5538-5844 in the amount of \$2534.57 from the building fund. Roll call vote was taken. AYE. Johnson, Webber, Chaffer, Moorhouse. NAY None. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Submitted by Dawn D Johnson
Dawn D Johnson, Clerk

Approved by Fred Moorhouse 9/2/2015
Fred Moorhouse, Supervisor date