

## Minutes of REGULAR MEETING

Held May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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

**MINUTES** Glesenkamp made a motion, supported by Webber to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016, with minor corrections. All AYES. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT** The financial report was accepted into record.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

**Christine Halvarson**, 3765 Burnside Rd. Christine addressed the Board regarding a Memorial Day party that she will be holding at her family's Burnside residence. This is an annual event and last year the police were called by the neighbors, because music was being played too loud. Deputy Hinsberger was present at the meeting and he was one of the officers that responded to two different calls to the residence last year. He agreed that the music was being played too loud. He indicated that the Halvarson's now know what is a reasonable volume for the music to be played. The Board suggested Christine approach the neighbors and let them know that a party is being held on May 28<sup>th</sup> and that they will keep the noise level down. Christine indicated the party will wind down by midnight. The Board appreciated that the Halvarson's came before them to let them know of the party and requested that the noise level be kept at the level that Officer Hinsberger indicated complies with the zoning ordinance. The Board also explained to Christine that the Board does not issue a permit for the party, only that they are aware of it and understand that the party will be going past the hours allowed within the noise ordinance. It does not mean that the neighbors will not complain.

**Bob VanDenBerg**, 3164 Fay Rd., Imlay City. Mr. VanDenBerg introduced himself to the Board and announced he would be running for Lapeer County Drain Commissioner.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**Resolution on smart meter opt out** The Board had a discussion on the smart meter program that DTE has introduced to the Township. The discussion included members of the audience. There is growing concern about the meters that are being installed on people's homes, replacing the analog meters. They are being installed without little input from residents and usually at times when the homeowner is not home. Johnson read a resolution that the Board then approved to urge legislators and other elected officials, as well as the Michigan Public Service Commission, to allow people to opt out of the smart meter program and keep their analog meters without penalty or retribution. Glesenkamp made a motion, supported by Webber to approve the resolution. Roll call vote was taken. AYE Moorhouse, Glesenkamp, Johnson, Webber, Chaffer. NAYS None. Motion carried.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Soil and sediment permit for park property** There is standing water on the property making it inaccessible. There will need to be some trees removed and ditching done that will allow the water to drain and dry out the area where we hope to create a parking lot. It is necessary to get soil and sediment to give us advice on how to do the ditching and remedy the standing water problem. The cost is \$750.00 Chaffer made a motion, supported by Webber to apply for a soil and sediment permit . Roll call vote was taken. AYES Glesenkamp, Johnson, Webber, Chaffer, Moorhouse. NAYS None. Motion carried.

**Quotes for new carpet for township hall** Johnson shared with the Board two proposals that were received for new carpeting for the township hall. Both bids are from local vendors. This project will be discussed in further detail at a later meeting

**Hiring an employee for township clean-up** Chaffer made a motion, supported by Glesenkamp to hire an employee who could perform various clean-up jobs for the township, such as tires and garbage thrown along the road, cleaning and organizing the basement and projects needing attention on the park property. All AYES. Motion carried.

## APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS

Glesenkamp made a motion, supported by Chaffer to approve warrants 10140 -10153 and 10155 -10187 in the amount of \$88,974.62 from general fund and warrants 5912-5916 in the amount of \$2,541.52 from the building department. Roll call vote was taken. AYE. Johnson, Webber, Chaffer, Moorhouse, Glesenkamp . NAYS None. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT** Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM

Submitted by Dawn D Johnson  
Dawn D Johnson, Clerk

Approved by Fred Moorhouse date 8/3/2016  
Fred Moorhouse, Supervisor