

Minutes of REGULAR MEETING

Held January 9, 2019

6:00 PM

TOWNSHIP OF MARATHON

Dawn Johnson, Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM. Moorhouse led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Fred Moorhouse, Supervisor

Dawn Johnson, Clerk

Lori Hollis, Treasurer

Sandi Glesenkamp, Trustee

Dale Fuller, Trustee

Others in attendance, see attached sign in sheet.

AGENDA Hollis made a motion, supported by Fuller, to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of MAFA budget under New Business. All AYES. Motion carried.

MINUTES Glesenkamp made a motion, supported by Hollis, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held December 12th, 2018 and the special meetings held December 12th and December 19th 2018. All AYES. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT The financial report was accepted into record.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brendon Miller, newly elected County Commissioner for District 1 Mr. Miller introduced himself to the Board and the audience and gave us a synopsis of what he hopes to accomplish during his term. He hopes to bring Lapeer County communities together and use Peer Lapeer, a marketing tool to promote local resources to name a couple of his ideas.

Deputy Hinsburger Officer Hinsberger gave the Board an incident report for December.

Rob Varner, 4232 Briggs Road Mr. Varner wondered where the Board is on approving the Zoning Ordinance. He wondered if we were still leaving in all the areas with which he does not agree. He stated there are parts of the ordinance that do not make sense to him. He asked if the Board was ok with a handful of residents forcing a referendum of the zoning ordinance, if it is passed in its current form?

Johnson and Glesenkamp replied, no we are not ok with it, but it appears that there is nothing we can do to make it work for a small group of people. The Planning Commission has made change after change to compromise with the concerns, but the group is still not happy and threatens a referendum at each meeting.

The Planning Commission and the Township Board has been working on the new ordinance for almost two years now. It has cost the township more money than was projected because of all the extra meetings required of the Planning Commission and the extra labor worked by the consultant to prepare all the additional amendments and drafts.

Tom Valentine, 3835 Castle Road. Mr. Valentine asked when the Board would vote on approval of the zoning ordinance?

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mark Martin, 13295 N. State Rd., Otisville Mr. Martin addressed the Board about the letter he sent to board members regarding his mining operation on Otter Lake Road. He wants the Board to consider allowing the building located on the property be classified as an agricultural building. Much discussion took place over this issue which has been going on for well over a year.

Temporary Occupancy fees Joe Israel, Building Inspector, asked the Board to consider instituting fees for temporary occupancy of a building. This would primarily be used for commercial buildings that have not received final approval to occupy a building but want to get the business opened while they continue to finalize what needs to be done for final approval. This could also be used for residential properties at the homeowner's request. Other townships charge fees for this. It actually acts as an incentive for people to complete construction and get final approval. The Board will take this under advisement.

NEW BUSINESS

Board of Review appointments Johnson made a motion, supported by Fuller to re-appoint, William Sickner, Deborah Ouellette and Donald Morgan to the Board of Review for a two-year term. All AYES. Motion carried.

Quarterly budget review The Board reviewed the budget for the third quarter of the fiscal year.

2019 MAFA budget The Board reviewed the budget approved by the Fire Authority Board. Glesenkamp made a motion, supported by Fuller to approve the 2019 MAFA budget. Roll call vote was taken. AYE Moorhouse, Johnson, Hollis, Glesenkamp, Fuller. NAY None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS

Glesenkamp made a motion, supported by Hollis, to approve warrants 11677, 11679-11730 in the amount of \$57,991.94 from general fund. And warrants 6113-6116 in the amount of \$3,655.91 from building department fund. Roll call vote was taken. AYE Moorhouse, Johnson, Hollis, Glesenkamp, Fuller. NAY None. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

LCMTA banquet The banquet will be held on January 18th at the Lapeer Country Club

Village of Columbiaville A public meeting on recreational marijuana will be held on January 10th.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40PM

Submitted by *Dawn Johnson*
Dawn Johnson, Clerk

Approved by *Fred Moorhouse*
Fred Moorhouse, Supervisor

date *2/19/2019*