

minutes of REGULAR MEETING (work session)

held March 1, 2012

8:00 AM

TOWNSHIP OF MARATHON DAWN JOHNSON, CLERK

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 8:10 AM by Supervisor Moorhouse

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE.

Fred Moorhouse, Supervisor
Sandi Glesenkamp, Treasurer
Dawn Johnson, Clerk
Kathy RaCosta, Trustee

Jim Chaffer, Trustee absent (excused)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Glesenkamp made a motion, supported by RaCosta to approve the agenda. All **YEAS**. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Master Plan proposal The Board discussed the three bids that were submitted for updating the Township's master plan. It was the consensus of the group that we prefer the proposal The Land Plan has to offer. They tend to involve the community and Township Board in the process more than the other bidders. This will be discussed at the next Board meeting. Since RaCosta will be absent at the meeting where the contract is voted upon, she stated for the record that she is in favor of The Land Plan receiving the job.

Wirick blight update. The Wirick's ~~have contacted the Township and~~ are interested in working out an agreement. A meeting will be held with the Wirick's, the Building inspector, the Zoning Administrator, the Township attorney and the Supervisor to discuss what can be done to clean-up the property.

NEW BUSINESS

Special assessment proposal The Board explored the idea of putting a ballot question on the August primary to ascertain if township residents would be interested in seeing a special assessment district set-up for police protection. We will talk more about this at the March meeting

New computer The Clerk's office needs a new computer. Many problems keep reoccurring. Our technology consultant advised the hard drive is bad and ready to go. There is money in the budget to cover the purchase. Cost will be approximately \$830.00 for computer, hardware, labor to install software and bring all current info over from the old system and put on domain. Price includes a one year warranty.

Building Department hours Discussion took place on decreasing the hours the building department would be open. There is not enough activity to support a three day per week operation. The department will be open on Monday. Other office members will help out as needed **ON THE OTHER TWO DAYS..**

Deputy Clerk/ Assessor Assistant rate increase Johnson asked that the Board consider a rate increase for Amanda Krause. She has worked for the township since 2006 without a raise. A \$1.00 per hour increase is requested.

Mechanical Inspector The Board discussed whether we should continue paying a \$75.00 stipend to Bill Lang for mechanical inspection duties. It was suggested that we could continue paying the stipend if he does not perform inspections totaling \$75.00, but if the monthly inspections total at least \$75.00, we would not pay the stipend. Moorhouse will speak with Bill Lang regarding this issue.

Zoning Administrator The Board discussed how we should proceed with the Zoning Administrator position. Our agreement with Mike Alexander has ended as of 12/31/2012. Do we want to enter into another agreement with Mike or look at another alternative?

Dust Control contract. We discussed the dust control contract bid submitted by Wilkinson and looked at the bids offered by the Road commission. We get a better deal by directly contracting with Wilkinson and they are always willing to work with us on areas that need extra brine spread and have never charged us additional money to do so. There is some concern that the brining did not last very long last season. We will bring this issue to Wilkinson's attention and ask that they take this into consideration for this season.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am

Submitted by _____
Dawn D Johnson, Clerk

Approved by _____ date _____
Fred Moorhouse, Supervisor