

minutes of REGULAR MEETING (work session)

held January 5, 2011

8:00 AM

TOWNSHIP OF MARATHON DAWN JOHNSON, CLERK

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 8:15 AM by Supervisor Moorhouse

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee, Chaffer added the SLT soup-cook-off to the agenda under new business
Glesenkamp made a motion, supported by Chaffer to approve the agenda with the additional item. All **YEAS**. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Master Plan update The Planning Commission has requested that the Board release an RFP and interview consultants interested in assisting the Township with updating its Master Plan. Moorhouse will speak to our Township Attorney, Mike Gildner, for any recommendations he might have. Johnson will contact surrounding townships to see if they have recently updated their plans.

NEW BUSINESS

2012 meeting dates and Holidays Moorhouse presented the group with the proposed dates for monthly meetings and work sessions. The December meeting was moved to 12/13/2012 to accommodate the December Board of Review. The holiday dates that the office will be closed for 2012 was discussed. It will be presented at the January Board meeting for approval along with the meeting schedule.

Police Coverage for Columbiaville and Otter Lake. Denise Dupak, Village of Columbiaville Administrator was in attendance to discuss police coverage for the Village of Columbiaville. The Township is in a dilemma as to how we will continue to pay for a sheriff's contract with decreasing revenues year after year. The Village is not willing to help pay for coverage of a deputy unless a split shift is added for night patrol, especially in the summer months. The Township Board agreed to pursue this possibility. Moorhouse will talk to our current deputy to see if he is willing to work a split shift. We will also approach Otter Lake to see what they can offer in the way of assisting us in keeping a full-time officer patrolling in our community.

Blight Enforcement officer The contract we entered into with Mike Alexander expired 12/31/2011. Mike will be in Florida until April. We discussed what we hoped to accomplish in our next contract with a blight enforcement officer. With Mike gone until spring, we have some time to decide what direction we want him to take in 2012.

2012 Recycling program. The recycling program as we knew it for the last three years has come to an end. There will be no third Saturday recycling days held any longer. Recycling may be dropped off at Deerfield Disposal Monday-Friday from 8:30-4:30. There will be no cost to the Township and Deerfield Disposal is hopeful they will not have to charge township residents to use this service either. Time will tell how it will work out.

Fire Department mutual aid letter A letter was received from Ray Hayes, Deerfield Township Supervisor questioning the cost of mutual aid given to surrounding communities by Township Fire Departments. He requested that our Fire Chiefs figure out how much mutual aid they have requested from each township and how much they have received in return for the last three years. As a Board, we made a statement indicating we are strongly in favor of this mutual aid reciprocity and feel that it is a definite benefit to our residents regardless of the cost that may be associated with it. In the end it all works out to each township's favor. It was noted in Supervisor Hayes letter that the Columbiaville FD had given mutual aid to Deerfield Township ten times in the last three years, but had never requested aid from Deerfield Township. Glesenkamp will take the letter and request to the Fire Authority, but will also let them know of the Board's full support of mutual aid to surrounding communities.

SLT Soup Cook-Off Chaffer updated us on the cook-off to be held January 14th. He has several cookers lined-up and will be advertising in the Good Newsletter next week. He requested help with desserts and manpower.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 AM

Submitted by _____
Dawn D Johnson, Clerk

Approved by _____ date _____
Fred Moorhouse