

minutes of REGULAR MEETING (work session)

held May 3, 2012

8:00 AM

TOWNSHIP OF MARATHON DAWN JOHNSON, CLERK

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 8:03 AM by Supervisor Moorhouse

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Blight issues Moorhouse presented a list of addresses in the township that have pending blight issues. Some of the property owners have been notified of the problem and are being followed up on for compliance. Others are parcels that were noticeably in need of attention when the Supervisor and Ordinance Officer drove around the township. After much discussion, it was decided, we should concentrate on resolving the current problems before taking on too many more. Letters will go out to two property owners who have dangerous buildings on their parcel.

Police protection in Otter Lake. The Otter Lake Village Council has opted not to contribute money to the township to share in the contract with the Lapeer County Sheriff for police protection. It was discussed that Deputy Gwyn would no longer be providing any extra services to the Village Council.

Camp TaHa DNRE, LC Health Department and the Township are now in agreement as to what should be done at the Camp to bring it into compliance before construction can resume on the dining hall. A meeting at the camp is scheduled on May 14th for township officials to determine what must be done and to set timelines for compliance with our building codes and zoning laws. The camp is using the property across the road from the camp as a dumping ground for concrete, lumber and other building materials. Moorhouse will investigate why this is being done

NEW BUSINESS

Poll accessibility grant Johnson shared with the Board that she is pursuing a grant through the HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT (HAVA) to make modifications to both precincts 1 and 2 that will make it more voter-friendly and accessible for people who are physically challenged.

Parks & Recreation Plan Moorhouse has arranged for Victor Lukasavitz from Fleis and Vandenbrink Engineering to give a presentation at our next board meeting on how the Board might develop a parks and recreation plan and seek out grant money for building a park in our township.

Electronic Recycling event Johnson asked the Board if they would be interested in holding an electronic recycling day on our township. Burnside Township has used Vintage Recyclers to hold a successful event in their area. It is at no cost to the township. The Board agreed to have Johnson check into this further and possibly look at a date for the fall.

Road projects for 2012 Dennis Streichert, our Road Commission foreman joined the meeting for a discussion of roads needing attention this summer. He presented us with costs for a ditching project, a handful of culvert projects and 3000 ton of gravel to be used on areas throughout the township. We will discuss this further at the next board meeting and vote on approval.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:53 AM.

Submitted by _____
Dawn D Johnson, Clerk

Approved by _____ date _____
Fred Moorhouse, Supervisor