

BOSTON TOWNSHIP

Minutes of Board Meeting

April 13, 2016

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

Members Present: Sitzer, Lamphere, Dunton, Ziesman, Van Prooyen and Olson

Absent: Stuck

Guests: Carl Cornill, Marsha Henske, Kerry Fountain and Pat Essig of the Saranac Public Library and Steve and Judy Crider

Citizen Comments: Saranac Public Library Director mentioned that they will have a millage request on the August Primary ballot. It has been 10 years since the last renewal request. They will be asking for 1.239 mills, an increase of .3 mills. 76% of their operative funding comes from the millage.

Agenda Approval: Ziesman made the motion Sitzer seconded to approve agenda. Passed; Yes-6, No-0.

Consent Agenda Approval:

- April Bills Payable with Checks 18425 – 18456 for a total amount of \$126,431.54, the February 10, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes, February 17, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes and the March 9, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes were reviewed with corrections made. Ziesman moved and Lamphere seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Passed; Yes-6, No-0.

Clerk's Report:

- Clerk asked if the board would approve a workshop in Mt. Pleasant that deals with Elections and Township Workers for her and her deputy on May 12, 2016. Ziesman made a motion to approve and Olson seconded the motion. Passed; Yes 6-, No-0
- Clerk mentioned that she noticed that there has not been anyone cleaning the hall since the beginning of the year. She will put a request for interest in with the minutes. Also, in July after the open houses are done the clerk will find someone to come in a clean the carpet in the hall.
- It is time to upgrade the QuickBooks program. Cost is \$219.95 to upgrade now, normal price is \$299.95. Olson made a motion to do the upgrade, Lamphere seconded the motion: Passed: Yes-6, No-0
- Clerk made a motion to accept resolution of renewal of the Townships Pension Plan naming Dunton, Lamphere and Van Prooyen as the Trustees and Executors in regards to the Pension Plan, Ziesman seconded, Passed: Yes-6, No-0

Treasurer's Report:

- Account balances were reviewed.
- Gravestone Services will start cleaning the Veteran headstone's at the cemetery soon to have them done by the Memorial Day Program..

New Business:

- Bid of \$ 375.00 to remove the stumps along the East boundary of the cemetery to get it ready for mowing season was accepted by Ziesman, seconded by Sitzer, Passed: Yes-6, No-0
- Dunton presented a bid from Doug Borup of \$225.00 to repair Township Hall siding, motion to approve was made by Sitzer, seconded by Dunton. Passed; Yes-6, No-0.
- Dunton presented a proposal of \$1500.00 to remove and replace two sections of concrete walk on South side of the Township Hall. Tabled until we get a couple more proposals.
- Township Board went over the 2016 Brining, Gravel and Gradall proposals from Ionia County Road

Commission. Motion was made by Sitzer to approve the proposals with agreed upon amounts, seconded by Olson; Roll-call vote: Lamphere-yes, Van Prooyen-yes, Sitzer-yes, Dunton-yes, Olson-yes, Ziesman-no. Passed; Yes-5, No-1

Unfinished Business/Old Business:

- Resolutions for payroll changes were reviewed with changes to be made.

Supervisor's Notes:

- Supervisor presented the police report on behalf of the Sheriff Dept. in the Deputy's absence.
- Sawmill out by I-96 is seeing some changes.
- Supervisor Dunton went over the Ionia County Tax Allocation Board's Millage Authorization Request Form with the board and how he comes up with his calculations.
- Olson gave an update on the upcoming Memorial Day Service. This year's speaker will be Sheriff Dale Miller.

Citizen Comments:

Meeting adjourned at 9:22pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beth Van Prooyen-Clerk