

BOSTON TOWNSHIP

Minutes of Board Meeting

January 11, 2017

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Members Present: Bowen, Sitzer, Mary Lamphere, Mike Lamphere, Harvey, Van Prooyen and Olson

Absent:

Guests: Larry Tiejema, Deputy Alex Melinn, Deputy Jacob Sommer, Marsha Henske and Robin Hayden

Citizen Comments: Larry Tiejema gave the Board a rundown of the County of Ionia business. Nighttime Deputy Melinn and Daytime Deputy Sommer introduced themselves to the Board as the new deputy's that will be patrolling Boston Township. They presented the Board with the previous month's activities and offered their assistance in any future events we may have going on in our Township.

Agenda Approval: Mary Lamphere made the motion, seconded by Harvey to approve the agenda Passed; Yes-7, No-0.

Consent Agenda Approval:

January, 2017 Bills Payable with Checks 18732 – 18759 for a total amount of \$38,409.20 and the December 14, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Question came up if the Trustees who attended the training in Lansing should be paid for that or not, also Treasurer said the postage on Klein's bill wasn't the correct rates. Sitzer made the motion and Olson seconded to approve the Consent Agenda, Passed: Yes-7, No-0.

Clerk's Report:

- Clerk relayed to the Board that the lawyer Mark VanAllsburg will put together a resolution for the Lowell Swift Private Road variance when he returns from vacation the week of January 16, 2017.
- There will be a May 2, 2017 special election for KISD (Kent Intermediate School District)

Treasurer's Report:

- Account balances were reviewed. No bank statements were received prior to the meeting.
- Treasurer Mary Lamphere asked the Board if we should give an amount of \$50.00 for rental to the Historical Society for the years we borrowed their buntings before buying our own.

New Business:

- Geoff Emelander wrote a letter of interest in White's Cemetery mowing contract at the same rate previously paid to Lamphere Lawn Care at \$150.00 a month. Board will approve at the Budget Workshop
- Date and time for the Budget Workshop was set to Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 5:00pm at the hall.
- Contract with Meadow Valley Lawncare and Landscape includes regular cleaning of the Township Hall's sidewalks after 2" without salting. Supervisor Bowen asked Trustee Michael Lamphere if he would like to keep the Township Hall's sidewalks cleared and salted at \$20.00 an occurrence. Harvey made a motion to accept the additional duties to Trustee Michael Lamphere, Sitzer seconded, Passed: Yes-7, No-0.
- Supervisor Bowen called a "Meeting of the Whole" Wednesday January 18, 2017 at 11:30am when Verizon will come in and present an option for a new phone system for at the hall. This meeting will have to be posted.

Unfinished Business/Old Business:

Supervisor's Notes:

- Supervisor Bowen mentioned that he and Robert Dunton are still working together on several possible land divisions. Furnace was serviced with some recommendations made by Canfield's and that the Annual Fire Board Meeting to establish a budget for the Fire Department for fiscal year 2017/2018 is on January 23, 2017.

Citizen Comments: CMLSA (Clarksville, Morrison Lake Sewer Authority) report from Trustee Harvey and Trustee Olson

Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Beth Van Prooyen-Clerk