

BOSTON TOWNSHIP

Minutes of Board Meeting

January 13, 2016

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

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

Absent:

Guests: Carl Cornill, Marsha Henske and Officer Kurt Bindus

Citizen Comments: None

Agenda Approval: Lamphere made the motion while Sitzer and Ziesman seconded to approve agenda. Passed 7-0.

Consent Agenda Approval:

- January Bills Payable with Checks 18328 – 18361 for a total amount of \$27,606.93, includes changed amount for Fleis and VandenBrink check and the December 9, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Lamphere moved and Sitzer seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Passed 7-0.

Clerk's Report: Clerk informed the board of her upcoming back surgery. Asked the board if she could use outside help with election matters because of her limitations and not knowing when surgery exactly would be at this time and also noting that the election is 100% reimbursable by the state. There was no response in the matter so clerk took it as it would be okay. Clerk also announced that Barb Harvey agreed to stay on as Deputy Clerk through the election to help out as she is well versed in how elections run.

Treasurer's Report:

- Account balances were reviewed.
- Tree down at the cemetery clean-up will start when weather allows. Not sure the total damage caused until the tree is gone.

New Business:

- The Budget Workshop date was set for Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at 7:00pm at the hall but was later changed to February 17, 2016 at 7:00pm at the hall after the Clerk learned her surgery is scheduled for February 23rd, 2016. Clerk heard from everyone in email form or phone call, everyone was okay with the change.

Unfinished Business/Old Business:

- Hillside Estate Bond balance was determined to be \$35409.72 plus any other attorney fees. Ziesman made the motion to have the attorney send a letter to the Bond Company, Lexon, so we can move forward and remove this Bond money. Motion was seconded by Olson and passed by roll-call vote: Van Prooyen-yes, Ziesman-yes, Stuck-yes, Olson-yes, Sitzer-yes, Lamphere-yes and Dunton-yes.
- Apple Ridge II escrow account was also discussed with a sample letter that would be sent once an amount is determined of what is left in the escrow account. Stuck made the motion to send letter as Ziesman seconded and passed with roll-call vote: Dunton-yes, Lamphere-yes, Sitzer-yes, Olson-yes, Stuck-yes, Ziesman-yes and Van Prooyen-yes.
- Additional discussion on remaining escrow accounts: Oakfeather, Rowland, and Woods were made and adjustments would be made to eliminate the remaining balances owed to clear accounts out.

Supervisor's Notes: Ionia County Road Commission has contacted Supervisor Dunton that one of the Truck Route signs was hit and will need to be replaced. As the signs are old and new standards are in place for such

signage that the replacement of the sign would cost around \$300.00. Discussion on the matter led to the possibility of decommissioning the Ordinance and removal of the signs or look at replacing all signs. Discussion will resume at the February meeting after finding out how many signs would be replaced.

Citizen Comments: Sitzer made mention that he would like to see us add an account line item for excess road funds we do not use in any given fiscal year. More discussion will take place at the Budget Workshop.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beth Van Prooyen-Clerk