

## **Minutes of REGULAR MEETING**

**Held September 13, 2011**

**7:00 PM**

**TOWNSHIP OF MARATHON**

**Dawn Johnson, Clerk**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Supervisor Moorhouse led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

### **ROLL CALL**

Fred Moorhouse  
Sandi Glesenkamp  
Dawn Johnson  
Jim Chaffer  
Kathy RaCosta

Others in attendance see attached sign in sheet.

### **AGENDA**

Johnson made a motion, supported by Glesenkamp to approve the agenda. All YEAS. Motion carried.

### **MINUTES**

Chaffer made a motion, supported by RaCosta to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held August 9<sup>th</sup> 2011, with minor corrections and the work session meeting held September 1<sup>st</sup> 2011. All YEAS. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT** The report was accepted into record.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Beverly Hemingway, 4729 Cusenza Dr, made comment in reference to the Township Planning Commission's decision to not change the Recreational Vehicle Ordinance. Mrs. Hemingway also made a complaint regarding the unsound building located at 5286 Otter Lake Rd.

Trustee Jim Chaffer announced that starting Monday September 19, 2011, trimming work will take place on the sides of Southern Links Trailway. There will be parts of the trail that will be blocked during this maintenance.

Tom Valentine, Township Assessor informed the Board that the Planning Commission voted to pass the following Ordinances onto the Board: (1) Amendment to the Communication Tower Ordinance. (2) Medical Marijuana Ordinance

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Zoning Enforcement Officer** The Township Board has hired Mike Alexander as the new Township Zoning Enforcement Officer. After much discussion with Mr. Alexander the Board made a decision to hire him at their last work session which was held on September 1, 2011. Mr. Alexander came with good recommendations from the Township Attorney, Forest Township & the Village of Otter Lake.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Hemingway Lake Lights special assessment** It has come to the Township Board's attention that there has been a miscalculation on the Hemingway Lake Lights special assessment district.. Some of the residents in the district have either been paying too much or too little towards the assessment. The Board made a decision to hold an informational meeting to discuss this issue. The meeting will be held Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at 7:00 pm. Letters announcing the meeting will be sent out to residents in the special assessment district.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Trustee Chaffer shared with those in attendance that the Might Mac in Marathon Labor Day walk was a great success.

Clerk Johnson, shared with those in attendance that she attended the SLT Management Meeting. The Management Council is still working on expanding the trailway from Lapeer to Columbiaville. They have Hired Rowe Engineering to work on a feasibility study. Johnson also attended the Village of Columbiaville meeting and shared the highlights of that meeting. Johnson reported that the Village of Columbiaville Treasurer Debby Burrows is retiring this month.

## **APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS**

Glesenkamp made a motion, supported by Chaffer to pay warrants 7449-7506 in the amount of \$47,118.34 from General fund, warrants 5515-5523 in the amount of \$5,949.20 from the Building Department fund. Roll call was taken. AYE Johnson, Chaffer, RaCosta, Moorhouse, Glesenkamp. NAYS None. Motion carried.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Clerk Johnson informed those in attendance that Ric Julian, a Civil War re-enactor, has found 5 Civil War Veterans buried in the Hollenbeck Cemetery. There is one monument at the Cemetery that is in very poor condition. Ric Julian is trying to get a grant from Veteran's Affairs to replace it.

Clerk Johnson also reported on a bill at the State Legislature regarding personal property taxes on businesses. Johnson informed the Board that the MTA is asking all Townships's to contact their State Representatives and let them know we are opposed to the pending legislation that would do away with personal property taxes on businesses. If passed it would take away revenue money from the Township. At this point, there is nothing being offered to replace the lost revenue.

**ADJOURNMENT** Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.