

Minutes of REGULAR MEETING

Held December 15, 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

Moorhouse 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 November 15, 2011 with minor corrections and the work session meeting held December 1, 2011 with minor corrections. All YEAS. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT The report was accepted into record.

PUBLIC COMMENT No public comment was made

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Building Inspector replacement Moorhouse made a motion, supported by Chaffer to hire Joseph Israel as the Township's Building Official and to authorize him to conduct plan reviews for the Township. The Board also authorizes the Building Official to set up a Construction Board of Appeals pursuant to PA 230. Roll call was taken. AYE Moorhouse, Johnson, Glesenkamp, RaCosta, Chaffer. Motion carried.

Camp Retreats Moorhouse made a motion, supported by Glesenkamp to authorize Joseph Israel to do what is necessary to bring the expired permits that the Camp currently holds back into compliance with the Michigan Building Code. Mr. Israel will begin by writing a letter to Camp Retreats. Roll call was taken. AYE Johnson, Glesenkamp, RaCosta, Chaffer, Moorhouse. All YEAS. Motion carried.

Corder gravel mining operation inspection fees Chaffer made a motion, supported by Glesenkamp to refund the yearly inspection fees paid by Jerry Corder for his gravel pit operation. In the last ten years Mr. Corder has paid the yearly inspection fee, but has received only one inspection from the Township. The fee paid in advance for 2012 will be kept on hand and an inspection will be scheduled per the Township ordinance governing mining operations. Roll call was taken. AYE Glesenkamp, RaCosta, Chaffer, Moorhouse, Johnson. All YEAS. Motion carried.

2012 Sherriff Contract Discussion took place on renewing the Sheriff Contract for 2012. With revenues decreasing yearly, it is becoming harder to maintain the costs of the contract. The Board may need to explore the possibility of asking the villages to pitch-in for police coverage or consider a special assessment. There are still some concerns about the Deputy assigned to the township. It was decided that we would discuss this issue at the next work session. Moorhouse made a motion, supported by RaCosta to renew the police protection contract for 2012. Roll call was taken. AYE RaCosta, Moorhouse, Glesenkamp, Johnson. NAY Chaffer. Motion carried.

Building permit / inspection fees Currently anyone who requires a second inspection within the building permit for which they have paid is required to pay an additional \$80.00. RaCosta made a motion, supported by Chaffer to adjust the building permit / inspection fees to \$55 for an additional inspection, if the permit is still valid. Roll call was taken. AYE Chaffer, Moorhouse, Johnson, Glesenkamp, RaCosta. All YEAS. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Marathon Road road signs Chaffer made a motion, supported by Glesenkamp to approve four new intersection signs at the cost of \$473.70. AYE RaCosta, Moorhouse Glesenkamp, Johnson, Chaffer. Motion carried. Two new signs will be placed at the intersections of Marathon Rd and Cusenza Drive. The two other signs will be placed at Marathon Rd and Lakewood Drive.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee RaCosta, attended a Village of Columbiaville meeting. She reported that the Village of Columbiaville has opened the new Community Center in the former doctor's office on Water Street.

Rental fees for Village residents are \$150 for 4hrs. \$250 for non-residents.

Township Assessor, Tom Valentine reported that he has been contacted by an unknown source who is requesting Marathon Township's entire assessment data base. Valentine will be contacting the State to see if it is mandatory for the township to give out the information that is being requested.

APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS

Glesenkamp made a motion, supported by RaCosta to pay warrants 7608-7647 in the amount of \$23,457.64 from General fund and warrants 5541-5547 in the amount of \$1,095.85 from the Building Department fund. Roll call was taken. AYE Johnson, Glesenkamp, Chaffer, RaCosta, Moorhouse. All YEAS. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:41 PM.

Submitted by _____
Dawn Johnson

Approved by _____
Fred Moorhouse

date _____