

Minutes of REGULAR MEETING

Held February 14, 2012

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
Kathy RaCosta

Jim Chaffer absent (excused)

Others in attendance see attached sign in sheet.

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

MINUTES Glesenkamp made a motion, supported by Moorhouse to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held January 10, 2012 with minor corrections and the work session meeting held February 2, 2012 with minor corrections. All YEAS. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT The report was accepted into record.

NEW BUSINESS

Fire Authority Budget Glesenkamp presented the budget for fire protection on behalf of the Fire Authority. Johnson made a motion, supported by RaCosta to approve the budget as presented. Roll call was taken. AYE Moorhouse, Glesenkamp, Johnson, RaCosta. Motion carried.

Planning Commission appointments Moorhouse recommended Carol Winn be appointed to the Planning Commission for a one year term. Glesenkamp made a motion, supported by Johnson. Roll call vote was taken. AYE Glesenkamp, Johnson, RaCosta, Moorhouse. Motion carried.

Master Plan Update proposals. Three bids for the proposal were received. Bids were submitted from Birchler Arroya, The Land Plan and Rowe Professional Services. The Board will review these proposals and make a decision at a later board meeting.

Home occupation request Brad Austin approached the Board to make them aware he is applying for a precious metal and gem license required by the Lapeer County Sheriff in order to buy and sell wholesale gold, silver, etc. from a home business. We informed Mr. Austin that the township has no zoning laws that would apply to this type of business. Mr. Austin does not plan to hire any employees, advertise on the property in any way or use any outdoor storage. His business will be mainly an on-line company, so no extra noise or traffic will be created. Supervisor Moorhouse will send a letter to the Sheriff's Department

indicating that no action is required from the Township Board at this time as the venture is more of a hobby than a business at this juncture.

Retainer fee for plumbing inspector The Board discussed the current practice of paying the mechanical inspector a stipend of \$75.00 per month to keep him on board. The building department has very little activity at this time. The Board questions if it is practical to continue paying a monthly stipend when no inspections are being performed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Moorhouse, Johnson and Glesenkamp attended the Otter Lake Village council meeting. Moorhouse sent a letter to the Council asking for assistance in funding the police contract. ~~in the village~~. He also made a request to have police protection funding placed on the meeting agenda. Sheriff Kalanquin made a presentation to the council regarding the state of policing the Otter Lake Village. The Council will take up the request at a later meeting and advise the township of their decision.

APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS

Glesenkamp made a motion, supported by RaCosta to pay warrants 7693-7736 in the amount of \$ 62,425.19 from general fund, warrants 5567-5572 in the amount of \$1450.53 from the Building Department fund. Roll call vote was taken. AYE Johnson, RaCosta, Moorhouse, Glesenkamp. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Submitted by _____
Dawn D Johnson, Clerk

Approved by _____ date _____
Fred Moorhouse, Supervisor