

Minutes of REGULAR MEETING

Held June 11, 2013

7:00 PM

TOWNSHIP OF MARATHON

Dawn Johnson, Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. Supervisor Moorhouse led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Fred Moorhouse, Supervisor
Sandi Glesenkamp, Treasurer
Dawn Johnson, Clerk
Karen Webber, Trustee
Jim Chaffer, Trustee

Others in attendance, see attached sign in sheet.

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

MINUTES Glesenkamp made a motion, supported by Chaffer to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held May 14, 2013 with minor corrections and the work session meeting held May 30, 2013. All YEAS. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT The financial report was accepted into record

PUBLIC COMMENT Several people were in attendance to express their concerns over the possible land acquisition for a township park on Hollenbeck Road. Concerns raised were liability issues, maintenance of the park, increased traffic and noise and the possibility of diminishing the rural character of the community. The Board listened and entered into discussion with the audience. In the end, Supervisor Moorhouse indicated that a letter would be sent to all parties, leaving their name and addresses, advising them of an informational meeting to be held once the results of the grant application come back from the MDNR.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution for road improvement bond Johnson read a resolution prepared for us by Dickinson & Wright, our legal consultants, declaring our intent to issue bonds to pay for road improvements. Moorhouse made the motion, supported by Chaffer to approve the resolution. Roll call vote was taken. AYE Moorhouse, Gelesenkamp, Webber, Chaffer, Johnson. NAYS None

Special assessment district for police protection Johnson read a resolution of intent to create a special assessment district for police protection. A motion was made by Glesenkamp, supported by Webber to approve the resolution. Roll call vote was taken. AYE Glesenkamp, Webber, Chaffer, Johnson, Moorhouse. NAY none

NEW BUSINESS

Application for farmland preservation program Greg and Patricia Holmes have made application for the farmland and open space preservation program. The Lapeer Conservation District recommends approval. Moorhouse made a motion, supported by Webber to approve the application. All AYES. Motion approved

MTA principles of governance Glesenkamp made a motion, supported by Moorhouse to adopt the "Principles of Governance" suggested by the Michigan Township Association. These principles embrace high standards for governing and guiding our township. All AYES. Motion carried.

Cemetery workshop Moorhouse made a motion, supported by Johnson to approve attendance for those interested in the cemetery maintenance workshop to be held by the Lapeer Genealogical Society on June 22nd. Johnson will see if Wayne Nelson, our Cemetery Sexton would like to attend. All AYES. Motion carried.

Weed maintenance at Hemingway Lake The weed treatment at Hemingway Lake is causing the dead weeds to collect at the west end of the lake. This has made an extra burden for residents living there as they have to rake the treated weeds onto the bank.. The suggestion was made to hire someone to come in and pick-up the collected weeds. Moorhouse will ask Attorney Gildner if the special assessment allows for the monies collected to be used for t his purpose. He will also take it to the HLA Board to see how the association members feel about it.

APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS Chaffer made a motion, supported by Glesenkamp to approve warrants 8477-8518 in the amount of \$24,205.17 from general fund and warrants 5670-5672 in the amount of \$438.91 from the building department fund. Roll call vote was taken. Webber, Chaffer, Johnson, Moorhouse, Glesenkamp. All AYES motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM

Submitted by _____
Dawn D Johnson, Clerk

Approved by _____ date _____
Fred Moorhouse, Supervisor