

Minutes of REGULAR MEETING

Held August 11, 2015

7:00 PM

TOWNSHIP OF MARATHON

Dawn Johnson, Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM. Supervisor Moorhouse led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Others in attendance see attached sign in sheet.

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

MINUTES Chaffer made a motion, supported by Webber to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held June 14th, 2015 and the special meeting held June 22nd, 2015. Roll Call vote was taken. AYE Moorhouse, Johnson, Webber, Chaffer. NAY None. ABSENT Glesenkamp. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT The financial report was accepted into record.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lt. Harry Lutze LC Sheriff Department. Lt. Lutze reported on the calls taken and the incidents responded to in the township

Tom Valentine, Marathon Township Assessor. Tom reported on the meeting he had regarding the follow up to the initial AMAR audit. He feels it all went very well. A written report will follow.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Quote for brick foundation under picnic table Moorhouse made a motion, supported by Johnson to take the lowest quote offered by B& B Landscaping to lay a foundation of pavers under the picnic table. AYE Moorhouse, Johnson, Webber, Chaffer. NAY None. ABSENT Glesenkamp. Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS

Zoning ordinance issue Joe Israel, Building Official, discussed a building issue at 6301 Marathon Road, owned by Dale Meuther. Stacy Muether, Dale's wife was present for the discussion.. The parcel they want to build a pole barn on is a corner lot. Normally a corner lot has two road frontages and must meet front setbacks on both roads. Our zoning ordinance does not have this stipulation. After the discussion, the Board agreed that the parcel should only have to comply with the township's zoning ordinance, meet one road setback and that the Building Official should have authority to make the decision on this.

LCRC safety project grant- Chaffer made a motion, supported by Johnson to support the Road Commission in its quest for a 2017 MDOT safety grant for the improvement of Marathon Road between Barnes Lake Road and Aurand Road. Roll call vote was taken. AYE Johnson, Webber, Chaffer, Moorhouse. NAY None. ABSENT Glesenkamp. Motion carried.

Cemetery work The Cemetery Sexton gave us two options for the product to be used to spread on the road at the cemetery. Either crushed natural gravel at \$411.0 per load or crushed concrete at \$333.00 per load could be used. Crushed natural gravel is the product that has been previously used. Moorhouse made a motion, supported by Webber to use crushed natural gravel at an estimated price of \$2766.00 Roll call vote was taken. AYE Webber, Chaffer, Moorhouse, Johnson, Webber. NAY None. ABSENT Glesenkamp. Motion carried.

Support for bike patrol officer grant Webber made a motion, supported by Chaffer to support Johnson in her quest to secure a Lapeer Community Foundation grant to send our Sheriff Deputy to tactical training school to get certified for patrolling the Southern Links Trailway and the two villages using a bicycle. Roll call vote was taken. AYE Chaffer, Moorhouse, Johnson, Webber. NAY None. ABSENT Glesenkamp. Motion carried.

Planning Commission work on new Zoning Ordinance The Board discussed how to move forward with updating our zoning ordinance now that the new Master Plan has been approved. It was suggested that the Planning Commission, at the direction of the Township Board start perusing the zoning ordinance that was approved by the Township Board in 2004, but was never enacted because of a referendum that was placed on the ballot and voted down the zoning ordinance. The Board felt that the 2004 ordinance was a good place to start. A lot of time and effort was put into creating the ordinance and it has updated information from the one the township is currently working with, which was adopted in 1980.

Valentine Farmland Preservation application. Tom & Debbie Valentine have filed three different applications to place property owned by them into the Farmland & Open Space Program with the Michigan Department Agriculture. The Township Board's approval is needed before it can be passed onto the State for final approval. Chaffer made a motion, supported by Moorhouse to approve the applications. All AYES. Motion carried.

APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS

Moorhouse made a motion, supported by Webber to approve warrants 9688-9724 in the amount of \$25,372.48 from general fund, warrants 5845-5852 in the amount of \$3,850.84 from the building department fund. Roll call vote was taken. AYE. Moorhouse, Johnson, Webber, Chaffer. NAYNone. ABSENT Glesenkamp. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

Submitted by Dawn D Johnson
Dawn D Johnson, Clerk

Approved by Fred Moorhouse
Fred Moorhouse, Supervisor

date 9/16/2015