

## **Minutes of REGULAR MEETING**

**Held August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**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, 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 as presented. All AYES. Motion carried.

**MINUTES** Glesenkamp made a motion, supported by Chaffer to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 with minor corrections. All AYES. Motion carried.

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Dave Richardson** introduced himself to the Board. He is waging a write-in candidacy for the Lapeer County Circuit Court judgeship currently held by Nick Holowka.

**Brenden Miller** introduced himself to the Board as a candidate for the North Branch Area Schools Board of Education.

**Cheryl Clark**, County Commissioner discussed with the Board the move toward putting a countywide proposal on the November ballot to fund Lapeer County EMS. It would be a one mill levy that would raise 2.7 million dollars.

**Deputy Dan Hinsberger** gave his monthly report.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **Discussion with Attorney Gildner on pending zoning issues**

There is a court date scheduled for August 22, 2016 for most of the cases that are currently active such as Montney, Coulson, Johns and Oliver.

**Signs on telephone poles** There are a number of advertising signs showing up on utility poles in the township. Moorhouse wondered if there are any regulations that can be cited to keep them off of poles and out of the line of sight. Mike will do some research and get back with us regarding what can be done to keep them out of the line of sight.

**Church zoning violation** Justin Church owns the commercial property on North Lake & Columbiaville Roads. The grass has not been mowed and is in violation of our noxious weed ordinance. He has been sent a violation letter, but still no mowing has taken place. The township will contract to have the weeds mowed and invoice Mr. Church for the work.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Offer from Attorney Nolan on Jones zoning violation** Attorney Nolan has presented a proposal that would resolve the dangerous building and blight cases the Township has pending against Cheryl Jones. Attorney Gildner will send a letter to Attorney Nolan to let him know the township will not accept the offer presented.

**Parks Board appointment** Moorhouse made a motion, supported by Chaffer to appoint Derick Coutlas to the Parks & Recreation Board. All AYES. Motion carried. Johnson will check to see if a board can have six members or needs seven in order to break a tie vote, when needed.

**The LandPlan proposal for zoning ordinance consultation** Chaffer made a motion, supported by Johnson to engage The LandPlan to perform all the tasks that are presented in its proposal to assist in developing a new zoning ordinance. Roll call vote was taken. AYE Moorhouse, Glesenkamp, Chaffer, Webber, Johnson. NAYS None. Motion carried.

## **APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS**

Moorhouse made a motion, supported by Chaffer to approve warrants 10269-10331 in the amount of \$39,938.35 from general fund and warrants 5934-5938 in the amount of \$2,382.76 from the building department fund. Roll call vote was taken. AYE Glesenkamp, Chaffer, Webber, Johnson, Moorhouse. All AYES. NAYS None. Motion carried.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

**MTA banquet** Lapeer County Club, Oct 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**Senior millage report**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**SLT** DTE may dig up area to see what is under their property. MDOT has agreed to come in and check out the situation.