

Minutes of REGULAR MEETING

Held April 12th, 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 - Absent

Others in attendance see attached sign in sheet.

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

MINUTES Webber made a motion, supported by Glesenkamp to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held March 9th, 2016 and the special meeting for the budget hearing held March 30th, 2016 with minor corrections. All AYES. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT The financial report was accepted into record.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brock Millard ,4367 Central Street, addressed the Board on the problems that the smart meters, that are being installed by DTE, are presenting. These problems include higher rates, causing health issues, flickering lights, etc. He asked the Board to contact our State Legislators and urge them to act on HB 4916, which would mandate that DTE offer the option of keeping your old meter without additional fees or penalties.

Linae Millard, 4371 Golden Glow, was concerned that the State Board of Education has passed a transgender law that will affect public school bathroom usage.

Cheryl Clark, County Commissioner, gave an update on activities going on in the County.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Building Department revised fees Johnson made a motion supported by Glesenkamp to approve the revised building fees as presented. All AYES. Motion carried.

Copier purchase The Board discussed the copier purchase that Swartz Creek Computers presented. There were concerns about who would service the machine if it has major repair issues. Karey, from Brady's, presented references, as the Board had asked for them. Johnson will call Brady's to see what a copier alone would cost, since the quote they provided was for replacing all the office printers, as well.

Discussion on Police Cycle Patrol Officer Hinsberger has begun patrolling the trailway with his bike. Johnson wondered if any board members had any suggestions for how much of his time, in the township, should be spent on bike patrol.

Purchase of trees through MSU Conservation District The Board discussed whether or not they would like to purchase some trees for the property on Marathon and Otter Lake Roads. It is too late for the spring purchase dates. We will have to wait for the fall purchase time. Johnson will call the Conservation District to find out about what type of trees is offered in the fall.

Egan violation notice response. Mr. and Mrs. Egan were present to respond to the blight notice they received. They presented the Board with a plan to have all the vehicles removed within 30 days. Mr. Egan hopes to have the house and trailer removed by the end of the summer. The trailer is unlivable and the house is only a shell. The Board agreed to give the Egan's 30 days to remove the vehicles.

NEW BUSINESS

Getty-zoning ordinance violation Eric Emert has purchased the property at 3701 Columbiaville Road. He and the Getty's were present to respond to the zoning violation letter they received from Supervisor Moorhouse. Diane Getty presented a petition, signed by residents living near the property, who stated they did not find the items, determined as blight, offensive or feel that they needed to be removed. Mr. Emert plans to build a home and a pole barn on the property. He is aware that he can not build a pole barn on vacant land. Moorhouse made a motion, supported by Glesenkamp to give Mr. Emert until the end of August to file a site plan with the building department. All AYES. Motion carried.

Township board meeting dates & holidays. The Board discussed the meeting dates and the holidays scheduled for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. Glesenkamp made a motion, supported by Webber to approve the meeting dates and holidays as discussed. All AYES. Motion carried

APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS Glesenkamp made a motion, supported by Moorhouse to approve warrants 10081-10101, 10103-10139 in the amount of \$94,767.42 from general fund and warrants 5906-5911 in the amount of \$2 117.83 from the Building Department in the amount of \$2,117.83. Roll call vote was taken. AYE Moorhouse, Glesenkamp, Johnson, Webber. NAYS None. Absent Chaffer. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM

Submitted by Dawn D Johnson
Dawn D Johnson, Clerk

Approved by Fred Moorhouse 5/26/16
Fred Moorhouse, Supervisor date