

WEST BRANCH TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 21st, 2016 7:00 PM

Meeting opened by Supervisor Jack Heidtman with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present included Supervisor Jack Heidtman, Treasurer Catherine Shaw, and Trustee Tim Overmyer. Clerk Michelle Christal and Trustee Kris Shaw were excused. Also present were, Zoning Administrator Mike Beltz, GACS Superintendant Tom Jayne, Lisa Johnson, Ray Johnson, Lynn Emerick, and Lon Emerick.

AGENDA: A motion to accept the agenda was made by Catherine Shaw and supported by Tim Overmyer. M/C

PUBLIC COMMENT: Tom Jayne, Superintendant of the Gwinn Area Community Schools discussed the upcoming bond proposal at the May 3rd election. Mr. Jayne explained how the bond proposal works and how the money; if approved, would be spent. The bond would raise 4.4 million for the Gwinn Schools. Mr. Jayne also commented on the possibility of matching grant money that could be sought, so the bond proposal money isn't the only money being spent on certain projects. He also discussed the possible return to a 7th hour to the Middle School and High School day, to afford for added curriculum and electives.

Lisa Johnson commented that Community Hand Up is looking for people to help with beautification at Sawyer. She also commented about the Recreation Committee and their plans for future meeting dates.

MINUTES: A motion to approve the Budget Hearing Minutes was made by Tim Overmyer and supported by Catherine Shaw. M/C

A motion to approve the Truth N Taxation Meeting Minutes was made by Tim Overmyer and supported by Catherine Shaw. M/C

A motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes was made Catherine Shaw and supported by Tim Overmyer. M/C

FINANCIAL REPORT: A motion to approve the Financial Report as presented was made by Tim Overmyer and supported by Jack Heidtman. M/C

BUDGET: A motion to approve the Budget was made by Catherine Shaw and supported by Tim Overmyer. M/C

BALANCE SHEET: Alright as presented.

BILLS PAYABLE: A motion to pay bills totaling \$63,636.18 was made by Catherine Shaw and supported by Tim Overmyer. M/C

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Zoning Administrator Mike Beltz reported he received one compliance application. He also discussed a call he received from a Sawyer property owner. The property cannot be rebuilt upon because it's in violation of the State's Land Division Act.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Not present.

JOINT OPERATIONS: A review of the meeting was given and those minutes are on file.

A. BUDGET: Discussion was held on this matter.

CORRESPONDENCE: All correspondences are on file.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. PARKING LOT BID: A rebid from Superior Paving was received. Jack stated he would like to talk with Kris before any decisions are made. This matter was tabled until a later date.

B. FLOOD PLAIN ORDINANCE: A hearing for the Flood Plain Ordinance has been set for May 10th, at 7:00pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. BOARD OF REVIEW: **A motion to appoint Deena Barnhart to the Board of Review was made by Catherine Shaw and supported by Tim Overmyer. M/C**

B. MCTA BANQUET: Jack and Tim stated they would attend. **A motion to approve payment for Tim and Jack to attend MCTA Banquet was made by Catherine Shaw and supported by Tim Overmyer. M/C**

C. MARQUETTE-ALGER MEDICAL CONTROL: **A motion to approve the proclamation supporting National EMS Week was made by Tim Overmyer and supported by Catherine Shaw. M/C**

SAWYER ALLIANCE: There was no meeting due to bad weather.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: Ray Johnson commended both townships for their unwavering support of the Fire Department and EMS.

BOARD COMMENT: Jack talked about the Township website and what might be interesting to have on there. Discussion was held on this matter.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

Submitted by Deena Barnhart, Deputy Clerk