

April Board Meeting Minutes

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WEST BRANCH TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 24th, 2017 7:00PM

Meeting opened by Supervisor Jack Heidtman with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present included Supervisor Jack Heidtman, Treasurer Catherine Shaw, Trustee Kris Shaw, and Trustee Tim Overmyer. Clerk Michelle Christal was excused. Also present were Deputy Clerk Deena Barnhart, Don Tickler, Lisa Johnson, Ray Johnson, Greg Hardy, Andrea Ingmire from Peter White Public Library, Peg Jensen, and Paul Wilson.

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

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PUBLIC COMMENT: Andrea Ingmire: Ms. Ingmire is the new director of the Peter White Public Library. She thanked the township for their continued support of the library through millage. She discussed upcoming plans for the library including repairs to the façade and other maintenance. Catherine Shaw asked how much it would cost a resident for a library membership without the millage. Ms. Ingmire stated that an individual membership is \$75 and for a family it would be \$115. Discussion was held on the number of residents who are cardholders.

Don Tickler: Mr. Tickler asked about the status of the SOA. Jack Heidtman stated he has been in touch with Forsyth Township Supervisor Joe Boogren and is waiting to hear back from him. Kris Shaw stated that the topic has been discussed at previous board meetings. Mr. Tickler stated that he was asking because the SOA has been a topic at the Sawyer Alliance Meetings and they feel it would be a benefit to Sawyer residents. Discussion was then held about record keeping issues and a possible meeting set up.

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MINUTES: A motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes, Truth N Taxation Minutes, and Budget Hearing Minutes was made by Kris Shaw and supported by Catherine Shaw. M/C

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

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

BILLS PAYABLE: A motion to pay the JOB bills totaling \$8,919.54 was made by Kris Shaw and supported by Tim Overmyer. M/C

A motion to pay the total West Branch bills totaling 15,676.71 was made by Catherine Shaw and supported by Kris Shaw. M/C

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Mike Beltz sent a report which is on file.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Mark Maki sent a report which is on file. There was discussion about funds requested by Mr. Maki.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

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JOINT OPERATIONS: Jack Heidtman gave a review of the JOB meeting. The pasty sale raised over\$2,000 for the Fire Department. The Transfer Station has been collecting bottles and cans for the Gwinn Sports Boosters. Lisa Johnson discussed the recreation committee, she stated they have not heard anything from CUPPAD about the survey and there is no meeting currently scheduled.

JOB BUDGET: No motion, numbers are not correct.

CORRESPONDENCE: All correspondence are on file.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. TOWNHALL ROAD: A report was received about Townhall Road; it will cost an additional \$155,000 for extra pavement for this project. This is less than the board had expected. Jack Heidtman will call for more information.
- B. JOHNSON ROAD: Discussion was held on this matter. Jack Heidtman stated he would call Heather Boyer.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. CUSTODIAN: **A motion to add custodian duties to Ryan Harnick's job description at a starting wage of \$9.50, raised to \$9.75 after 90 days was made by Kris Shaw and supported by Tim Overmyer. M/C**
- B. HARDWOOD FLOORS: Catherine Shaw stated that the former custodian had suggested a spin mop for the hardwood floors. Jack Heidtman suggested a dust mop and oil. Discussion was held on this matter.

SAWYER ALLIANCE: Tim Overmyer attended this meeting. Discussion was held about the SOA. It was shared that the Sawyer Community Garden was being moved to KI Sawyer School. Feeding America will be in Sawyer June, July, and August. The next meeting is May 1st.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: Lisa Johnson stated that Skandia Community Day will be July 15th. She also shared that she will be working on her beautification again this year at Sawyer and that Dale Thornele got a grant to create more flower beds.

Peg Jensen asked about the cemetery sign. Jack Heidtman stated he would be contacting the lady to paint the new sign soon. Paul Wilson asked who was in charge of the Community Day parade. It stated he should call the Lion's Club.

BOARD COMMENT: Kris Shaw asked about turning the cemetery lights back on. It was decided that this should be done by May 15th. Kris also stated for the record that he is not pleased with the parking lot and will be calling Superior Paving about this matter.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

Submitted by Deena Barnhart, Deputy Clerk
