

WEST BRANCH TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL , 2018 7:00PM

Meeting opened by Supervisor Jack Heidtman with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present included Supervisor Jack Heidtman, Deputy Clerk Deena Barnhart, Treasurer Catherine Shaw, Trustee Tim Overmyer, and Trustee Kris Shaw. Clerk Michelle Christal was excused. Also present were Zoning Administrator Mike Beltz, Greg Hardy, Margaret Jensen, Don Tickler, David Rushford, and Andrea Ingmire from Peter White Public Library.

AGENDA: A motion to approve the Agenda was made by Kris Shaw and supported by Tim Overmyer. M/C

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mike Beltz: Mike shared that his grandson is working on his Eagle Scout project and was wondering if the Township was still interested in a fishing dock or platform on the river before he starts on the project.

Don Tickler: Mr. Tickler tendered his resignation from the SOA, for health reasons. He introduced Mr. David Rushford, who is interested in replacing Mr. Tickler. Mr. Rushford introduced himself to the board and discussed his sincere interest in the SOA and the Sawyer community. **A motion to accept Mr. Tickler's resignation was made by Tim Overmyer and supported by Kris Shaw. M/C. A motion to appoint David Rushford as a representative to the SOA was made by Tim Overmyer and supported by Kris Shaw. M/C**

Andrea Ingmire: Ms. Ingmire gave an update on the repairs and updating that has been and will be happening at the library. She talked about the Hedley Amendment, and asked the board to consider putting a proposal on the November ballot to override the Hedley Amendment to shore up stability of funding for the library. Jack Heidtman asked what the cost of a library card would be without the millage from the township. Ms. Ingmire stated it would be \$115 per person and Margaret Jensen stated it was \$175 per year for a family. Jack Heidtman explained what the Hedley Amendment does; which is cap the millage – tax bases roll back and keeps the amount of money the same instead of raising with inflation or property tax increases.

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

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

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

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

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

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

BILLS PAYABLE: A motion to pay the JOB bills totaling \$13,553.75 was made by Catherine Shaw and supported by Tim Overmyer. M/C

A motion to pay the total West Branch bills totaling \$29,091.08 was made by Tim Overmyer and supported by Kris Shaw. M/C

A motion to amend the bills payable total amount to \$25,628.83 was made by Jack Heidtman and supported by Catherine Shaw. M/C

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Zoning Administrator Mike Beltz gave a report for the month. He missed the Planning Commission meeting, and he received no permit requests in April. He stated he went to the DEQ wetland permitting seminar and he talked about what he learned there.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Report on file from Mark Maki.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Deena Barnhart and Kris Shaw gave a report on the Planning Commission meeting that was held on April 11th; tiny houses were discussed as well as looking over the Master Plan for the township. The next meeting is scheduled for August 29th.

JOINT OPERATIONS: Discussion was held on the JOB meeting. Those minutes are on file.

JOB BUDGET: The JOB budget looks good.

SOA: Was handled in Public Comment

RECREATION COMMITTEE: Tabled until next month.

CORRESPONDENCE: Nothing at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. TOWNSHIP HALL ENTRYWAY: Kris Shaw handed out the bid sheets, discussed the bids and offered his opinion. The Township need to apply for a zoning variance permit. **A motion to give the bid to Roy Ness Contracting was made by Catherine Shaw and supported by Kris Shaw.**
A motion to give IDI permission to pull permits on the townships behalf was made by Kris Shaw and supported by Catherine Shaw. M/C
- B. MEETING DATES: A motion to move the May meeting date to the 17th and December's meeting date to the 20th was made by Kris Shaw and supported by Catherine Shaw. M/C

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. ZONING RESOLUTION: Jack Heidtman read the Zoning Resolution: A motion to vote on the Zoning Resolution was made by Kris Shaw and supported by Catherine Shaw M/C
Roll Call:
Jack Heidtman: Aye
Michelle Christal: Abest
Catherine Shaw: Aye
Kris Shaw: Aye
Tim Overmyer: Aye
- B: MCTA SPRING BANQUET: Discussion was held.

SAWYER ALLIANCE: Nothing at this time.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: Greg Hardy reminded the board that if they have questions or criticisms about the library to relay them to him or Margaret Jensen, they will take it to the library board.

BOARD COMMENT: Catherine Shaw shared that the Skandia Lioness will be hosting a bake sale on May 12th. Deena Barnhart shared what was discussed at the Clerk's association meeting: the ballot for August and upcoming trainings.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm

Submitted by Deena Barnhart, Deputy Clerk