

WEST BRANCH TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 20TH, 2015 7:00PM

Meeting opened by Supervisor Jack Heidtman with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present included Supervisor Jack Heidtman, Clerk Michelle Christal, Treasurer Catherine Shaw, Trustee Kris Shaw and Trustee Suzy Feliciano. Also present were Zoning Administrator Mike Beltz, and Lisa Johnson.

AGENDA: A motion to accept the agenda with the addition of was made by Catherine Shaw and supported by Suzy Feliciano. M/C

PUBLIC COMMENT: Lisa Johnson stated that the survey sent out by the recreation committee received 20-23 responses. CUPPAD will review them and rewrite the recreation plan.

MINUTES: A motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Kris Shaw and supported by Suzy Feliciano. M/C

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

BUDGET: A motion to approve the Budget as presented was made by Catherine Shaw and supported by Michelle Christal. M/C

BALANCE SHEET: Alright as presented.

BILLS PAYABLE: A motion to pay bills totaling \$13,539.94 was made by Catherine Shaw and supported by Suzy Feliciano. M/C

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:

Mike Beltz reported that there were two permits this month, both for pole barns.

BONNIE HOFF: Not present

ASSESSOR REPORT: Not present.

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

TRANSFER STATION: Kris Shaw reported that the transfer station is very dirty.

A. BUDGET: A motion to approve the JOB budget was made by Michelle Christal and supported by Catherine Shaw. M/C

CORRESPONDENCE: Gwinn Area Community Schools Sports Booster Club has purchased flags with the district logo and wants to know where the Township would like to have one placed.

UTILITY REVIEW MEETING: Discussion was held on whether Ishpeming and Ewen should be part of this committee. Records will go to Chocoley Township for keeping.

OLD BUSINESS: A motion to approve the new permit policy for the MCSWMA was made by Jack Heidtman and supported by Catherine Shaw. M/C

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. HAY MOWING CONTRACT: The hay mowing contract with Bill DeVooght has expired. A call will be made to find out if Mr. DeVooght would like to renew this contract.

SAWYER ALLIANCE: Jane Nordeen spoke with Suzy Feliciano about the possibility of Forsyth taking over the entire EMS for Sawyer. Fishing with Friends will be held on August 29th, 2015. Gwinn Area Community Schools Superintendent Tom Jayne spoke about the proposals on the August ballot. Jim Beran asked if West branch Township would write a blight ordinance. Suzy Feliciano asked about the possibility of a joint transfer station with Forsyth: the cost would be too high.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: None

BOARD COMMENT: None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

Submitted by Michelle Christal, Clerk