

WEST BRANCH TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 17TH, 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 Tim Overmyer. Also present were Zoning Administrator Mike Beltz, and Greg Hardy.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mike Beltz questioned the survey that was sent out.

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

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

BUDGET: A motion to approve the Budget 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 \$11,872.14 was made by Catherine Shaw and supported by Tim Overmyer. M/C

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Mike Beltz reported a permit for a barn.

BONNIE HOFF: Not present

ASSESSOR REPORT: Not present.

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

- A. **BUDGET: A motion to approve the JOB Budget was made by Catherine Shaw and Supported by Kris Shaw.**
- B. **FIRST RESPONDER APPOINTMENT: A motion to approve the appointment of Gary Vadnais was made by Kris Shaw and supported by Jack Heidtman. M/C**
- C. **TRANSFER STATION:** Discussion was held about the transfer facility.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **MCSWMA:** Jack Heidtman spoke with Gary Walker about this issue. The Authority is made up by townships, no authority to take someone off the MCSWMA board.
- B. **RENOVATIONS:** One bid was received for the hardwood floors. A call will be made to another company for another estimate.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. MARQUETTE BOARD OF LIGHT AND POWER: A representative from MBLP would like to schedule a town meeting to explain what they are doing and why they will be raising rates in the next year. The school board would also like to attend this meeting to explain their upcoming millage request.

SAWYER ALLIANCE: No report. Suzy Feliciano is no longer on the West Branch Township Board. Tim Overmyer will replace her at these meetings.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: Greg Hardy discussed the Peter White Library. He also suggested that expectations for recycling be posted on the township webpage. Mr. Hardy will also take over updating the township's webpage; Catherine Shaw will be his contact from the Board.

BOARD COMMENT: Catherine Shaw suggested that letters be sent to all residents about the website, to inform them of it. She would like to do this in the next budget year. Kris Shaw stated that he feels the letters should be sent now.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm

Submitted by Michelle Christal, Clerk