

WEST BRANCH TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 22nd, 2016 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 Christal was excused. Also present were Deputy Clerk Deena Barnhart, Ron Ivey, Greg Hardy, and Peggy Jensen.

AGENDA: A motion to accept the agenda with the addition of Joint Operations C. JOB Secretary, and Old Business B. Johnson Road was made by Kris Shaw and supported by Catherine Shaw. M/C

PUBLIC COMMENT: Greg Hardy: Greg introduced Peggy Jensen, the new member of the library board. Greg requested that the library report be placed on the agenda, quarterly when the board meets. The library was also interested in using the township hall for events such as a community movie night. Jack suggested to Greg that the library call and talk with Deena Barnhart about availability for the hall.

Ron Ivey: Ron spoke about the weight restrictions and load limits on Townhall Road. Ron feels as though the restrictions should stay. Tim Overmyer stated that the State put the weight limits on the road, not the county. Ron stated that speeds on the road are getting dangerous. Jack Heidtman stated that changing a speed limit on a road is nearly impossible, and the situation is only temporary while M-94 is closed. Kris Shaw stated that unmarked county roads are 55mph.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT: Discussion was held on some line items.

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

BUDGET: Discussion was held about street light reimbursements. There is \$600.00 under 'other' for the Board of Review, and it should be under workshops. Discussion was also held about Tipping Fees.

A motion to approve as presented was made by Kris Shaw and supported by Tim Overmyer. M/C

JOB BILLS PAYABLE: A motion to pay Joint Operations bills totaling \$6,043.83 was made by Kris Shaw and supported by Tim Overmyer. M/C

BILLS PAYABLE: A motion to pay WB Township bills and JOB bills totaling \$24,885.39 was made by Tim Overmyer and was supported by Kris Shaw. M/C

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Nothing at this time.

ASSESSOR REPORT: The State has approved the plan to correct assessing issues.

JOINT OPERATIONS: These minutes are on file.

JOB BUDGET:

JOB SECRETARY WAGES: Discussion was held on the matter of a meeting fee for the JOB Secretary. **A motion to pay the JOB Secretary a \$30.00 meeting fee was made by Kris Shaw and supported by Jack Heidtman. M/C**

CORRESPONDENCE: Kris Shaw discussed the meter being removed at the cemetery for the winter. It is cheaper to pull it and have it put back in the spring, than to pay all winter.

OLD BUSINESS:

A.MCSWMA RESOLUTION: **A motion to approve the MCSWMA Resolution # 2016-03 was made by Jack Heidtman and supported by Catherine Shaw**

Roll Call Vote:

Aye:

Jack Heidtman

Kris Shaw

Tim Overmyer

Catherine Shaw M/C

Nay:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. LOCAL WEIGHT LIMITS: Discussion was held about the weight limits instated by the State on Townhall Rd. Jack Heidtman stated he will call the County to discuss the Boards concerns about the weight limits, as they seem a bit unfair to local people. Jack also stated that Marq-Tran is no longer stopping in Skandia because M-94 is closed.

B. CLERKS COMPUTER: The Clerks computer is slow and needs to be looked at. Greg Hardy stated he will stop by and check into it.

SAWYER ALLIANCE: Tim Overmyer attended this meeting. Tim stated there was more discussion about the Sawyer Operation Authority being brought back, to create some uniformity for Sawyer residents and home owners. Tru-North has funds available to help people with utility bills. The County Treasurer is looking into another Brownfield grant to clean up dilapidated buildings in Sawyer.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: Greg Hardy commented on the speed limit issue and speeding on Townhall Rd. Ron Ivey stated that he feels Townhall Rd is not a safe road. Jack Heidtman stated that he will check into changing the speed limit but he feels it will not happen because the situation is temporary.

BOARD COMMENT: Catherine Shaw reminded the board that they all need to be sworn in.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm