

WEST BRANCH TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 22ND, 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. Jim Iwankicki and Kurt Taavola from the County Road Commission were present as well as Ray Johnson, and Lisa Johnson.

AGENDA: A motion to approve the Agenda with the addition of the Planning Commission was made by Kris Shaw and supported by Catherine Shaw. M/C

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jim Iwanicki explained the extra charges to the township for the repaving of Townhall Road. There was discussion about the fees and the percentages charged. Jim Iwanicki stated that of the township wants the road commission to reconsider the fees then send a written request for the road commission to review. This matter was discussed at length with the Board deciding to write a letter to the road commission.

Ray Johnson discussed a truck that Forsyth Township was looking to sell for \$1. He stated it would greatly benefit the Fire Department but the matter was still to be determined by the Forsyth Township Board.

MINUTES: A motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes was made Kris Shaw and supported by Catherine Shaw. 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: The budget needs to be amended: a motion to move \$165.0 from Planning Commission Salary to Elections and, move \$33.25 from Planning Commission Salary to Cemetery, was made by Catherine Shaw and supported by Tim Overmyer. M/C

**BILLS PAYABLE: A motion to pay the JOB bills totaling \$13,972.23 was made by Catherine Shaw and supported by Kris Shaw. M/C
A motion to pay the total West Branch bills totaling \$18,525.25 was made by Tim Overmyer and supported by Catherine Shaw. M/C**

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: No Report on File

ASSESSOR REPORT: No Report on File.

JOINT OPERATIONS: Catherine Shaw gave a report on the JOB meeting. Lammi checked the fire extinguishers. Pig & Heat Hockey game scheduled for March 14th, 2018. The FD is burning a house for training in February. The state inspected the FR rig; it's in compliance, and they will be taking CPR training. TS: The compactor is fixed. Discussion was held about glass recycling. A public meeting is scheduled for Feb. 22 for review of the recreation plan. **A motion to put disaster fund check from FEMA into FD checking was made by Jack Heidtman and supported by Catherine Shaw. M/C**

JOB BUDGET: Alright as presented.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Discussion was held about the growing house issues. Should the township opt in or opt out. Bonnie Hoff will be contacted. The Planning Commission will meet to look over an ordinance for growing houses. Tim Overmyer stated that the FD should know about such operations, could be a hazard when on a fire call.

SOA: Cancelled, not rescheduled.

RECREATION COMMITTEE: Nothing new at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE: Report from County Road Commission, this letter is on file.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. TOWNSHIP HALL ENTRYWAY: Kris Shaw has spoken with the architect, and asked for some changes. By the end of the month (Jan) the project should be ready for bids.
- B. ELECTRICAL BID: Madel bid was \$1,700. Discussion was held and an email will be sent to Mandel for clarification.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. GROWING HOUSE: Planning Commission will meet, Bonnie Hoff will be contacted.
- B. ROAD COIMMISSION: More discussion was held. It was determined a letter will be sent with payment. **A motion to send a letter with payment of \$141,621.61 was made by Kris Shaw and supported by Tim Overmyer. M/C**

SAWYER ALLIANCE: Nothing at this time.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: Lisa Johnson requested that the minutes be sent to her, it has been a year since she's received any emails.

Ray Johnson discussed the truck Forsyth Township was selling. Jack Heidtman stated he was not comfortable saying yes without JOB input.

If the truck was sold on the 25th of Jan. sell it to WB Township for the Fire Department.

BOARD COMMENT: None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm

Submitted by Deena Barnhart, Deputy Clerk