

WEST BRANCH TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING

July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 7:00PM

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Lisa Johnson stated that she would have a table at Community Day with a survey for the Recreation Committee. She also had questions about a letter that was sent about hauling to the Marquette County Landfill.

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

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** The IRP Loan has been paid off. **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 Michelle Christal and supported by Catherine Shaw. M/C**

**BALANCE SHEET:** Alright as presented.

**BILLS PAYABLE: A motion to pay bills totaling \$11,170.96 was made by Catherine Shaw and supported by Suzy Feliciano. M/C**

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:**

Mike Beltz reported that there have been few calls, it's been mostly quiet.

**BONNIE HOFF:** Not present

**ASSESSOR REPORT:** Not present.

**JOINT OPERATIONS:** Catherine Shaw gave a review of the meeting.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** A tournament is coming up in Crystal Falls and they received second place in the Negaunee tournament. There was also discussion about insurance for the Fire Department; if it is rated a 9 their rates would go down and residents could also receive a discount.

**FIRST RESPONDERS:** They are still looking for a new ambulance.

**TRANSFER STATION:** Residents have been dumping trash when the facility is not open; they are leaving trash around the building. The recycling bin is full. Discussion was held on things being thrown out at the facility. Randall Yelle would like to hire someone at the MCSWMA without a degree.

There was also discussion about mowing around the Fire Hall auxiliary building. West Branch Township agreed to do this mowing as well.

- A. **BUDGET: A motion to approve the JOB budget was made by Catherine Shaw and supported by Suzy Feliciano. M/C**

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **SALE OF CHAIRS:** Discussion was held on the matter of selling the old chairs in the basement at the Township Hall. **A motion to sell chairs to residents only at \$10.00 per chair with a limit of two (2) chairs per resident or approach the Board for possibly more chairs was made by Catherine Shaw and supported by Michelle Christal. M/C**
- B. **JOINT SECRETARY: A motion to have Michelle Christal and Catherine Shaw fulfill the duties of the JOB Secretary (prepare budget, process bills, bookwork and payroll) as of July 1, 2015 was made by Suzy Feliciano and supported by Kris Shaw. M/C**

SAWYER ALLIANCE: This meeting was not attended.

It was reported though that the Lake Superior Christian Church cleaned sand from Commando Street.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: Lisa Johnson inquired about the totals for the Joint lawn mowing.

BOARD COMMENT: None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

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Submitted by Michelle Christal, Clerk