

WEST BRANCH TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 23rd, 2016 7:00 PM

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, Deputy Clerk Deena Barnhart, and Mike Klein candidate for Marquette County Sheriff.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Kris Shaw discussed the township's Facebook page.

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 Michelle Christal. 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: Kris Shaw stated he would like the check for Superior Paving held until he speaks with them, there are some issues with the work that was done.
A motion to pay bills totaling \$13,442.37 was made by Kris Shaw and supported by Tim Overmyer. M/C

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Zoning Administrator Mike Beltz gave his report; there were four permits issued in the last month. He also received an email from the County Resource Manager. This is on file.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Nothing at this time.

JOINT OPERATIONS: The minutes from this meeting are on file. Jack Heidtman will speak with Art Lauren about continuing water issues at the park. Kris Shaw asked about the Transfer Station and the workers.

A. BUDGET: A motion to approve the JOB Budget was made by Catherine Shaw and supported by Tim Overmyer. M/C

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter was received from FEMA and the township is once again back in the Flood Insurance Program.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. PARKING LOT: Discussion was held on this matter.
- B. CEMETERY SIGNS: Jack Heidtman brought samples of the metal he'd like to have used for the new cemetery sign. Discussion was held on this matter and it was decided that the sign would be almond with hunter lettering. **A motion to take down the other signs inside the cemetery was made by Tim Overmyer and supported by Catherine Shaw. M/C**
- C. PARK ORDINANCE: Discussion was held on the sample park ordinance and the revisions made by Michelle Christal. Discussion was also held on the matter of a smoking ordinance or putting up signs. It was decided to not have signs.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. SOA: Jack Heidtman received a letter from the Forsyth Township Supervisor asking for a meeting to discuss the possibility of reorganizing the SOA (Sawyer Operation Authority). The board decided to decline this offer.
- B. RE-KEYING FRONT DOOR: Due to the keys not being returned it was decided that the front door needs to be re-keyed. **A motion to re-key the front door was made by Tim Overmyer and supported by Catherine Shaw. M/C**
- C. PLANNING COMMISSION REPLACEMENTS: Kris Shaw gave a report on the Planning Commission meeting held in June.
A motion to appoint Ray Johnson, if accepted, to the Planning Commission was made by Jack Heidtman and supported by Kris Shaw. M/C
A motion to appoint Deena Barnhart to the Planning Commission was made by Jack Heidtman and supported by Kris Shaw. M/C

SAWYER ALLIANCE: Tim Overmyer did not attend this meeting.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: Mike Klein, candidate for Marquette County Sheriff spoke to the board and those present about the upcoming election, and what he would like to do if elected.

BOARD COMMENT: None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Submitted by Michelle Christal, Clerk