

WEST BRANCH TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 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, and Trustee Kris Shaw. Trustee Tim Overmyer was absent. Also present was Marquette County Administrator Scott Erbish.

**AGENDA: A motion to accept the agenda with the additions of F under Old Business: Parking Lot was made by Kris Shaw and supported by Catherine Shaw. M/C**

**PUBLIC COMMENT: Scott Erbish spoke to the Board about the SOA (Sawyer Operations Authority) and re-engaging the authority. Mr. Erbish stated it could begin on a small scale, and Forsyth Township is on board. Jack Heidtman spoke about his feelings on the matter and asked the Board if there were any issues. Kris Shaw stated that he would like to see what it is they want to do with the Authority. Mr. Erbish also discussed the trash issue at Sawyer in regards to the SOA. A motion to activate the Sawyer Operations Authority, with an option to cancel if things do not go well was made by Jack Heidtman and supported by Kris Shaw. M/C**

**MINUTES: A motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes was made by 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: A motion to approve the Budget with correction was made by Catherine Shaw and supported by Kris Shaw. M/C**

**BILLS PAYABLE: A motion to pay the JOB bills totaling \$8,086.09 was made by Michelle Christal and supported by Catherine Shaw. M/C  
A motion to pay the total West Branch bills totaling 13,056.50 was made by Catherine Shaw and supported by Michelle Christal. M/C**

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Kris Shaw has questions about some recent actions.**

**ASSESSOR REPORT: Mark Maki sent a letter; which is on file.**

**PLANNING COMMISSION:.**

**JOINT OPERATIONS: A review of the JOB meeting was given by Jack Heidtman. These minutes are on file.**

JOB BUDGET: Jack Heidtman discussed the budget for the Transfer Facility. **A motion to approve the JOB budget was made by Catherine Shaw and supported by Jack Heidtman. M/C**

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter was received from CUPAD. This letter is on file. A letter from the DEQ about replaced culverts is also on file.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. TOWNHALL ROAD: A bid needs to be collected. Michelle Christal will follow up.
- B. JOHNSON ROAD: A suggestion was made to rename the road West Johnson Road. Jack Heidtman spoke with Fire Chief Dave Gallion and this option is acceptable. **A motion to change the name of Johnson Road to West Johnson Road was made by Kris Shaw and supported by Catherine Shaw. M/C** Jack Heidtman will notify the post office of the change.
- C. ENGMAN LAKE ROAD: Discussion was held on future plans.
- D. HALL ENTRYWAY: Kris Shaw received an email from IDI and a package will be put together.
- E. PARKING LOT: Kris Shaw stated he is not happy with the work and he feels a letter should be sent to Superior Paving, asking them to attend the next board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: None

SAWYER ALLIANCE: It was presented to the board if money could be spent to pay for a dumpster. **A motion to give Macasu \$600.00 for a dumpster was made by Jack Heidtman and supported by Kris Shaw. M/C**

Kris Shaw stated that landlords could be required to add an extra fee to tenants if trash is picked up.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: None

BOARD COMMENT: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm

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Submitted by Michelle Christal, Clerk