

WEST BRANCH TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 17th, 2016 7:15PM

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, Bruce MacDonald from Peter White Public Library, and township residents.

AGENDA: A motion to accept the agenda with the addition of G: Meeting Dates was made by Kris Shaw and supported by Michelle Christal. M/C

PUBLIC COMMENT: Bruce MacDonald from Peter White Public Library spoke about the library, the township's use of the library and thanked the township for it's' support of the library. Discussion was held about revenues for the library as well as the township's millage request for the library. The 'dark store' issue was also discussed.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT: A motion to approve the Financial Report as presented was made by Catherine Shaw and supported by Tim Overmyer. M/C

BUDGET: A motion to move \$500.00 from the Buildings & Grounds Large Purchases to Elections, move \$225.00 from Building & Grounds Building Improvements to Deputy Clerk Salary, and move \$1000.00 from Buildings & Grounds Building Improvements to Public Works for Tipping Fees was made by Kris Shaw and supported by Catherine Shaw. M/C

BALANCE SHEET: Alright as presented.

BILLS PAYABLE: A motion to pay bills totaling \$28,354.37 was made by Kris Shaw and supported by Michelle Christal. M/C

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Zoning Administrator Mike Beltz, reported that he did a revision on a zoning compliance request and things are now straightened out. He also stated that he feels the Planning Commission needs to review the Zoning Ordinances; it has been 20 years since they have been reviewed. Kris Shaw stated that he would have the Chairperson of the Planning Commission invite Mike Beltz to their next meeting.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Not present.

JOINT OPERATIONS: A review of the meeting was given and those minutes are on file.

A. BUDGET:

CORRESPONDENCE: A proposal was received from 906 Technologies. This will be put on the agenda for next month.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. FLOODPLAIN RESOLUTION: **A motion to approve the Floodplain Resolution was made by Jack Heidtman and supported by Tim Overmyer. M/C**
- B. MICHIGAN COMMUNITY RESOLUTION: **A motion to approve the Michigan Community Resolution was made by Jack Heidtman and supported by Kris Shaw. M/C**
- C. EXTRA VOTED MILLAGE RESOLUTION: **A motion to approve the Extra Voted Millage Resolution was made by Jack Heidtman and supported by Kris Shaw. M/C**
- D. PETER WHITE PUBLIC LIBRARY RESOLUTION: **A motion to approve the Peter White Public Library Resolution was made by Jack Heidtman and supported by Michelle Christal. M/C**
- E. 4-H: Discussion was held on the subject of animals possibly having been in the hall.
- F. PARKING LOT: Two bids to redo the parking lot have been received. Jack Heidtman stated that he would like Kris Shaw to speak with both companies and discuss their plan and what materials would be used. This topic was tabled until next month. (April)
- G. MEETING DATES: The meeting dates for the new fiscal year were discussed and will be posted.

SAWYER ALLIANCE: Tim Overmyer reported that there was much discussion about trash pickup at Sawyer, they are discussing what grants may be available to help with this problem. The 4-H is taking over the ball fields; they received a grant for this. Tim further stated that Tom Jayne, the Superintendent of Gwinn Area Community Schools was at the Sawyer Alliance meeting to discuss the bond proposal the school is having in May.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: Greg Hardy asked if the library millage will be on the ballot this year.

BOARD COMMENT: Tim Overmyer asked about job descriptions for all workers in the township. He would like to know what everyone's duties are. He also discussed the gap between the Deputy Clerk's budget and the Deputy Treasurer's budget. Tim also asked about the Assessor's job and stated he would like to see reports from the Assessor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

Submitted by Michelle Christal, Clerk