

WEST BRANCH TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 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. Zoning Administrator Mike Beltz was excused. Also present were, residents Ray Johnson and Lisa Johnson.

AGENDA: A motion to accept the agenda with the additions of under New Business E: Junk Car Letter, F: Zoning Workshop, and B: Planning Commission, under Old Business A: Parking Lot Bid was made by Kris Shaw and supported by Michelle Christal. M/C

PUBLIC COMMENT: Lisa Johnson talked about Kicks for Kids at Sawyer. It is a 5K run/walk to collect new shoes for kids. It is June 4th @ KI Sawyer School, beginning at 9am.

MINUTES: A motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes and the Special Meeting Minutes was made 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 Kris Shaw. 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: A motion to pay bills totaling \$12,451.89 was made by Kris Shaw and supported by Catherine Shaw. M/C

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Zoning Administrator Mike Beltz filed a report about this month's zoning activities. This report is on file.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Assessor Mark Maki filed a report about taxable values. This report is on file.

JOINT OPERATIONS: The minutes from this meeting are on file.

A. **TRANSFER STATION: A motion to approve Bryan Lehtomaki as the new alternate transfer station worker was made by Kris Shaw and supported by Catherine Shaw. M/C**

A motion to purchase a propane heater from Trudell was made by Catherine Shaw and supported by Kris Shaw. M/C

Discussion was also held on the matter of getting something such as barrels for recyclables.

B. **AUDIT:** The audit cost \$3675.00 this year.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: All correspondences are on file.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **PARKING LOT BID:** A motion to hire Superior Paving to repave the parking lot at the township hall for \$19,600 was made by Kris Shaw and supported by Tim Overmyer. M/C

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **REVIEW ZONING:** Michelle Christal stated that she believes the Zoning Ordinances need to be revised and looked over. Par Plan suggests that the Township do this
- B. **PLANNING COMMISSION:** Kris Shaw spoke about the Planning Commission and their lack of informing members, as well as Kris, about meeting times and dates. Discussion was held on how to best handle this situation and the lack of meetings. Jack Heidtman will contact those involved.
- C. **CUB CADET TRACTOR:** The tractor needs to be serviced. Jack Heidtman will take it to Bergdahl's for service.
- D. **COMMUNITY DAY PARADE:** The Township was asked to put a float in this year's parade. Kris Shaw believes we should. Community Day is July 16th, 2016. Next month's meeting there will be a plan made for a float.
- E. **JUNK CAR LETTER:** This matter was tabled for the time being.
- F. **ZONING AND PLANNING SEMINAR:** There is a Planning and Zoning Seminar on June 1st at the Chocolate Fire Hall. Deena Barnhart would like to attend. **A motion to send those who would like to attend this seminar was made by Tim Overmyer and supported by Jack Heidtman. M/C**

SAWYER ALLIANCE: Tim Overmyer did not attend this meeting.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: Ray Johnson discussed the cost of UP Propane.

BOARD COMMENT: Catherine Shaw discussed barking dogs. The Township has no ordinance about barking dogs.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

Submitted by Michelle Christal, Clerk