

WEST BRANCH TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 25th, 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, Trustee Tim Overmyer, and Trustee Kris Shaw. Also present were residents Paul and Gina Wilson, and Greg Hardy.

AGENDA: A motion to accept the agenda as presented was made by Kris Shaw and supported by Tim Overmyer. M/C

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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 Tim Overmyer and supported by Kris Shaw. M/C

**BUDGET REPORT: The budget needs to be amended: move \$500.00 from B&G Repair & maintenance to Cemetery Salary, a motion to approve the budget change was made by Kris Shaw and supported by Michelle Christal. M/C
A motion to approve the Budget was made by Catherine Shaw and supported by Kris Shaw. M/C**

**BILLS PAYABLE: A motion to pay the JOB bills totaling \$8,067.52 was made by Catherine Shaw and supported by Tim Overmyer. M/C
A motion to pay the total West Branch bills totaling Z\$20,223.63 was made by Catherine Shaw and supported by Michelle Christal. M/C**

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Jack Heidtman read a report (on file) from Mike Beltz. Discussion was held on roads, fire numbers, and letters sent to residents about buildings.

ASSESSOR REPORT: None.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

JOINT OPERATIONS: Jack Heidtman gave a review of the meeting. Discussion was held about the Transfer Station.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter was received discussing the possibility of adding the water bill fee to the taxes. Jack Heidtman will call about this. A letter was received in reference to the 360 Survey; this letter was not in the email. A letter was received from the Road Commission to the County Landfill about putting in a bridge in 2018.

RECREATION REPORT: Kris Shaw gave a report from the Recreation Committee. There was interest with the group in getting things done.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. TOWNSHIP HALL: The bid was received, the payment plan, if paid in three years, will incur 5.5% interest. **A motion to pay the bill when it is received as to not pay interest was made by Catherine Shaw and supported by Kris Shaw. M/C**
- B. PARKING LOT: It has been redone; it looks great and drains well.
- C. TOWNSHIP HALL ENTRYWAY: Kris Shaw met with Shawn from IDI, they did a walk through and will try to get back to Kris with plans drawn up sometime soon. Kris stated he would like to talk with Mike Beltz about elevations. **A motion to have Kris Shaw speak with Mike Beltz about elevations was made by Jack Heidtman and supported by Kris Shaw. M/C**
- D. JOHNSON ROAD: Will now be known as West Johnson Road.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. JOINT PARK: Jack Heidtman spoke on the park in Skandia Township; it is not being taken care of. Decisions have been made about the park without consulting West Branch Township. Discussion was held on this issue.
- B. ANNEXATIONS: This matter has been brought up to Jack Heidtman; the possibility of Skandia Township and West Branch Township becoming one township. Jack stated it would be Skandia Township being annexed into West Branch Township.

SAWYER ALLIANCE: Nothing.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: Greg Hardy asked if the Board found out why the road repair was ending at the edge of the Township parking lot instead of the whole road. He also asked who made the determination was to who decided to fix the road. Jack Heidtman spoke on the process. Paul Wilson spoke about the water bills being added to the tax roll, he stated you cannot just throw extras onto taxes.

BOARD COMMENT: None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Submitted by Michelle Christal, Clerk