

Everett Township Board
Regular Meeting

January 15, 2013, 7:00p.m.
Township Hall
1516 E. 8th Street, White Cloud, MI 49349

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – Supervisor Judy Maike called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL – Members Present: Supervisor Judy Maike, Treasurer Gloria Reyes and Trustee Curtis Chaffee.
Members Absent: Clerk Roshelle Wright and Trustee Donald Clary.
Staff Present: Building Maintenance Jim Maike, Deputy Clerk Melissa Johnson and Transfer Station Manager Ken Granger.
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT – none.
5. AGENDA APPROVAL – Motion by Reyes, 2nd by Chaffee to accept the Agenda with the addition of Fire Board Joint Building Authority Resolution under New Business. All ayes, motion carried.
6. MINUTES APPROVAL - Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of December 18, 2012. Motion by Chaffee, 2nd by Reyes to approve said minutes with the spelling correction in Supervisors report from “sigh to sign” as written. All ayes, motion carried.
7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - A. None.
8. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Open House for New Building – tabled.
 - B. 24th Street Project – much discussion was held regarding the 24th Street project. Supervisor Maike would like to put the project on hold until the Planning Commission can look into different possibilities as to the best location for the township Transfer Station. Maike will contact Kelly Smith with the Road Commission; as a down payment has already been paid on this project. Supervisor Maike will contact Kelly Smith and request he attend a future board meeting and discuss the status of roads in Everett Township.
 - C. Sign for outside front lawn – Supervisor Maike and ~~Trustee~~ Treasurer Reyes will get some quotes and report back.
 - D. WC Area Fire Department Joint Building Authority Resolution - Motion by Chaffee, 2nd by Reyes to approve the White Cloud Area Fire Department Joint Building Authority Resolution. Upon roll call vote the following voted: Aye- Maike, Reyes, Chaffee; Nay- none; Absent- Wright, Clary. Motion carried.
9. BILLS & FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS
 - A. Clerk presents Township Bills – Motion by Chaffee, 2nd by Reyes to pay bills totaling \$14,045.84. All ayes, motion carried.
 - B. Treasurer presents Township Financial Report – Motion by Chaffee, 2nd by Reyes to accept Treasurers report. All ayes, motion carried.
10. OFFICER’S REPORTS

- A. Zoning Official – written report accepted and on file in Clerks office.
 - B. County Commissioner – Jim Maike reported: County has 3 new Commissioners; updated the Board on various committees he is involved with.
 - C. Transfer Station Manager – Ken Granger reported that everything is fine at the Transfer Station. It has been pretty steady due to good weather.
 - D. Building Maintenance – Jim Maike reported that he placed two filters on the phone system now all the lines are clear; the furnace air intake in the Hall addition has been rerouted and produces much less noise; the front office furnace was repaired; he placed a burning barrel for paper only outside behind the hall. Maike updated the Board on the progress of the Township Website. Motion by Reyes, 2nd by Chaffee for the Township to take over financial responsibility for the Website effective January 2013. All ayes, motion carried.
 - E. Library Board – Supervisor Maike reported Georgia Burns will stay on the Library Board until her term is up; the library will now accept credit cards as a method of payment for fines and rentals.
 - F. Fire Board – Supervisor Maike stated the Fire Board passed a new budget at their December meeting.
 - G. Planning Commission – is presently working on ordinance changes including modifying outdoor events; will wait until there are 3 or 4 items requiring change before holding public hearings in the future.
 - H. ZBA – none.
 - I. Supervisor – informed members she attended the last COLA meeting; she would like to see the Parks and Rec Program reinstated. The original Parks and Rec plan will be reviewed and see how that fits going forward. Motion by Maike, 2nd by Chaffee to appoint Allen Winchell to the Board of Review and Gloria Silverthorne as Board of Review Alternate. All ayes, motion carried. Supervisor Maike brought up whether or not the current Transfer Station site is the best location for a Transfer Station (accessible only via gravel roads). The primary reason for the proposed upgrade to Spruce between 24th and 40th is for better access to the Transfer Station – the cost for this upgrade is over \$180,000. Is this the best use of this road money? Also the cost to operate the Transfer Station is over \$30,000 a year, paid for from the general fund. Supervisor Maike felt several issues regarding the Transfer Station should be looked into over the coming months (cost, location, road upgrade, etc.).
 - J. Clerk – none.
 - K. Treasurer – nothing.
 - L. Trustees – nothing.
11. PUBLIC COMMENT – none
12. MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:13 p.m.

Submitted by Melissa Johnson – Deputy Clerk