

**Pleasanton Township Board Meeting  
Manistee County, Michigan  
June 13, 2011**

**MINUTES**

The regular monthly board meeting of the Pleasanton Township Board was called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Merrill, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Members present were Supervisor Tony Merrill, Clerk Amy Cross, Treasurer Judy Girven and Trustees Bob Babcock and Dave Ertel.

The Supervisor welcomed Bruce Grosso, Chief of Bear Lake Fire Department, here to give further details on the BLFD Wish List. Chief Grosso explained each item and priority. Merrill motioned, with Ertel support, to give \$23,300.00 of the funding we have set aside specifically for the Fire Department to Bear Lake Fire Department for: (1) Eight sets of Bunker Gear (head to toe) for new personnel (3-4 sets are outdated and 10 new firefighters have been hired) price tag of \$20,000.00, and (2) Twelve sets of Leather Structural Firefighter Boots price tag of \$3,300.00; Motion carried.

Tim Ervin of the AES (Alliance for Economic Success) was here and discussed the Macalester College Wind Initiative and the Master Plan and Implementation Strategy for neighboring townships in Manistee and Benzie County.

Public comment opened at 7:47 pm and closed at 8:16 pm.

Motion by Babcock, second Ertel to approve the 5/9/11 regular meeting minutes; Motion carried.

The treasurers report was reviewed by the board and received by the Supervisor.

Motion by Ertel, support by Cross, to pay the bills; Motion carried.

New Business: Jay Johnson asked the board for approval to set off fireworks July 9<sup>th</sup>, near the Dayton Club, on the shore of East Bay, in lieu of Bear Lake Days. Mr. Johnson explained that there will be two barges set up from which the fireworks will be hauled to the point of set-off on the lake shore. The contract is between "Peninsula Pyrotechnics" and "Bear Lake Days". Motion by Ertel, support by Babcock, to allow these fireworks to be set off; Motion carried.

Tony Merrill made recommendation of appointing Jerry Stick to the Lake Improvement Board: Roll call vote: Ertel – aye, Babcock – nay, Merrill – aye, Cross – aye and Girven – aye; Motion carried.

Policies and Procedures for the Township were reviewed by the Board. Motion by Ertel, supported by Cross, to approve Drug/Alcohol/Smoking #112 with changes: to any "illegal" drug in paragraph two, and omitting paragraph three in regards to "prescription drugs..."; all in favor; Motion carried. Policy #114 Organizational Chart: tabled until MTA recommendations are reviewed. Motion by Ertel, supported by Cross, to approve Delegated Authority #115 as is; all in favor; Motion carried. Motion by Girven, supported by Cross, to approve Meeting Rules #120 as is; all in favor; Motion carried. Motion by Girven, supported by Ertel, to approve Closed Sessions #121 as is; all in favor; Motion carried.

Joint Planning Agreement discussed by Tim Ervin: TABLED

Surveys for Commercial Wind Initiative will be going out with the summer tax bills. Girven stated she feels it's okay to do this since the issue is "non-political". Babcock stated that this should have been brought to the Board prior to now.

Other Business: Babcock reported concerns regarding maintenance at township parks and hall.

Planning Commission report was given by Bob Babcock.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 pm.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Cross, Clerk