

**PLEASANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD  
MANISTEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
Tuesday, April 10, 2012**

**APPROVED MINUTES**

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

Public comment: None given.

Motion by Girven, supported by Cross, to approve the 3/12/12 regular minutes; AIF; Motion carried.

Motion by Cross, supported by Ertel, to add "budget approval" to tonight's agenda; AIF; Motion carried.

Motion by Cross, supported by Ertel, to approve the new budget fiscal year April 2012–March 2013; Motion carried.

The Treasurers Report was reviewed by the Board and received by the Supervisor.

Motion by Girven, supported by Babcock, to pay the monthly bills including Bear Lake Fire Dept. service contract \$16,000.00 and FIA Business Card (twp. Credit card) \$53.85; AIF; Motion carried.

**New Business:**

The law states every five (5) years the current LIB agreement is to be reviewed by the three (3) entities involved. Merrill provided to the Board an itemized list of proposed articles to be included in a resolution pertaining to the monitoring and treatment of Bear Lake by the three (3) units of government, ie. Bear Lake and Pleasanton Townships and the Village of Bear Lake. Board members discussed ideas for a new LIB, which include, but are not limited to: fund balance (set maximum amount); engineering fees (hourly wage with half down; half after completion); treatment of milfoil "only"; providing LIB records upon request. Motion by Girven, supported by Cross, to have Merrill obtain an "attorney opinion" on the "proposed articles" and continuing with LIB on a "year by year" basis; AIF; Motion carried. Babcock requested the attorney opinion to be in writing.

There was discussion by the Board regarding a township noise ordinance. Merrill said he'd consult with the prosecuting attorney on this matter. TABLED.

Ertel suggested changing the name of the township park on Lakeside to honor Fred Alkire (with approval from the family). Girven suggested "adopt-a-highway" in honor of Alkire. Merrill commented fixing the current park sign, pole at cemetery and overnight parking sign. Motion by Girven, supported by Cross, to repair the existing park sign, which was originally made the the Eagle Scouts; AIF; Motion carried.

Sherri Slater wants to resign from cemetery sexton. She has referred John Larsen, who works for other township cemeteries in Manistee County (i.e. Cleon, Maple Grove). Upon receiving Slater's resignation, Merrill will post the sexton position. Motion by Girven, supported by Cross, to contract with Mr. Larsen for two months until another sexton can be hired; AIF; Motion carried. Cross offered to check out sexton rates at other locals.

Unfinished Business:

Until language regarding commercial wind can be incorporated into the Pleasanton Township Master Plan, discussed was extending the current Wind Energy Systems moratorium. Motion by Ertel, supported by Girven, to extend the Moratorium on Wind Energy Systems (which expires April 10, 2012) an additional twelve (12) months, expiring April 10, 2013; roll call vote: ayes – Ertel, Merrill, Cross, Girven; nay – Babcock; Motion carried.

The Board reviewed township policies and procedures: 505 Township Equipment, 507 Availability of Township Facilities, and 510 Security. Cross will edit changes and present next month for approval.

Girven is awaiting an estimate for spraying weeds at the cemetery.

The Planning report was given by Bob Babcock. Gerald Stick reported the last LIB meeting was in November; upcoming LIB next Thursday.

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Cross, Clerk