

**PLEASANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD
MANISTEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
Monday, May 14, 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 opened; closed.

Motion by Girven, supported by Babcock, to approve the 4/10/12 regular minutes; AIF; Motion carried.

Motion by Babcock, supported by Ertel, to pay the monthly bills; AIF; Motion carried.

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

New Business:

Jay Johnson, representing the Lions Club, explained the procedure and asked for approval from the Board to have the Bear Lake Days fireworks display which will be July 14, 2012. He also mentioned Rolling Thunder will be leading this year's parade, with the school's track and softball teams placing 300-400 American flags along the route. Motion by Ertel, supported by Cross, to grant fireworks display only if fire ban is not in place; AIF; Motion carried.

The Board is still awaiting attorney opinion on the LIB resolution; TABLED.

Unfinished Business:

The Board reviewed township policies and procedures: 505 Township Equipment, 507 Availability of Township Facilities, and 510 Security; Motion by Ertel, supported by Girven, to approve these policies with corrections; AIF; Motion carried.

Girven reported she received a quote of \$1,160.00 for spraying of weeds at the cemetery (15 acres).

The Board discussed having a noise ordinance; Merrill and Ertel will work on a draft.

Resignation dated May 9th was received from our Sexton, Sherri Slater. She has brought it the the Board's attention of a cemetery road that needs to be eliminated due to grave placement (one or two deeds would have to be reissued). More grave markers are needed at the cemetery and Merrill also mentioned there are certain sections we will not sell lots from. Motion by Cross, supported by Babcock, to accept this resignation and to send a thank-you card to Sherri; AIF; Motion carried.

The Board reviewed/increased cemetery rates as follows:

Lot sales...\$50.00 residents; \$200.00 non-resident property owner & resident non-property owners; \$400.00 non-resident non-property owners; grave openings \$450 (\$400 paid to sexton, \$50 cemetery fund) and \$200.00 ashes burial (\$150 paid to sexton, \$50 cemetery fund); Sexton commission on lot sales will be \$15.00 lot sold plus \$11/hr for extra time involved with selling; Motion by Girven, supported by Cross, to approve the new rates as listed above; AIF; Motion carried. Further, a "popper's field" in the northwest corner of the cemetery was suggested. After Board discussion, it was decided the cemetery ordinance needs reviewed/updated.

Motion by Merrill, supported by Girven, to approve paving a one-mile section of either Lumley Rd. or Alkire Rd., whichever is least expensive and within our budget; Motion carried. Merrill said he would ask Jerry Peterson, Road Commission Manager, for price quotes on Lumley and Alkire Roads. He will also request quotes on the same from Elmer's (for information purposes only).

The Planning report was given by Bob Babcock. Gerald Stick reported on LIB.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Cross, Clerk