

**PLEASANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD  
MANISTEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
Tuesday, June 12, 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 Ertel, supported by Girven, to approve the 5/14/12 regular minutes; AIF; Motion carried.

Motion by Girven, supported by Cross, to pay the monthly bills; Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed by the Board and received by the Supervisor.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Girven discussed with the Board the convenience of remote banking. She recently read an article about this in Michigan Township News and said there is a suggested resolution for townships to use (ACH/Electronic Funds resolution can be found at the MTA website.) Honor State Bank has a \$75.00 set-up cost with no other fees. Currently payroll taxes are paid via EFTPS.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Pleasanton Township was recently approved by the Manistee County Revenue Sharing Board for a \$30,000 grant to replace the township hall roof. The "steel roof" bid notice will be re-advertised. Contact will be made with the two prior bids received in February for any revisions. The township plans to pay for a portion of the cost.

Ertel presented board members with a draft noise ordinance to review, noting this is a Township Board stand-alone ordinance. TABLED.

Per Carol Merrill, Dick Merrill has offered to fix the park sign on Lakeside Avenue at no charge to the township. Motion by Merrill, supported by Girven, for Dick Merrill to fix the park sign on Lakeside Ave., spending up to \$100.00 on any expenses; AIF; Motion carried.

Manistee County Road Commission has estimated road paving for a one-mile stretch of Lumley Road to be \$270,000 and a one-mile stretch of Alkire Road at \$254,000.

Merrill suggested obtaining bids from Elmer's before discussing again with Jerry Peterson, Manager/MCRC. Ertel suggested getting a bid from Ron Brown and Sons. (Babcock provided a neighborhood survey as attachment.)

Merrill stated he's discovered our Board has a "limited voice" regarding the Lake Improvement Board. The current resolution dated August 2007, which operates under Act 309, for the treatment of Eurasian mil-foil... he says he feels the township was misled on this resolution, that they were told they could get out of the agreement at any time, but that's not the case. Under Act 309 the LIB "mil-foil treatment" resolution is reviewed every five years by the three entities involved, i.e. Bear Lake Township, the Village of Bear Lake, and Pleasanton Township. If any of the entities have concerns and wish to change the operations of the LIB, or to pull out of, they cannot do so. The LIB is solely responsible for any dissolution, however Act 309 allows the LIB to continue forever. Motion by Merrill, supported by Ertel, to reject the current LIB resolution brought to our recent attention, due to disagreement of premise; Roll call vote: Ertel - yes, Babcock - no, Merrill - yes, Cross - yes, Girven - no; Motion carried. Attorney opinion on this matter needs reviewed.

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

Spraying of weeds at cemetery quote received is \$1100 for 15 acres. Cross will contact Scott to have him attend our next meeting for explanation of "proposed" treatment. TABLED.

Motion by Girven, supported by Cross, to hire John Larsen as the new Township Cemetery Sexton; AIF; Motion carried. Clerk will send correspondence to local funeral homes with new burial/lot rates.

Motion by Ertel, supported by Girven, to accept the resignation of Bob Stafford from the Planning Commission; AIF; Motion carried.

Motion by Babcock, supported by Girven, to accept the resignation of Supervisor Tony Merrill as of June 16, 2012; AIF; Motion carried.

Motion by Cross, supported by Ertel, to appoint Carol Merrill to Supervisor for Tony Merrill's remaining term which expires November 20, 2012; roll-call vote: Babcock - no, Cross-yes, Girven - yes, Ertel - yes; Motion carried.

The Planning report was given by Bob Babcock. Gerald Stick reported on LIB. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Cross, Clerk