

**PLEASANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD
MANISTEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
Monday, July 9, 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 Carol Merrill, Clerk Amy Cross, Treasurer Judy Girven, Trustees Bob Babcock and Dave Ertel.

Public comment opened; closed.

Motion by Girven, supported by Babcock, to add to tonight's agenda:

Correspondence: LIB Special Assessment letter; New Business: clean up west side of township hall property; Old Business: Planning Commission, hall rentals; AIF; Motion carried.

Motion by Girven, supported by Ertel, to approve the 6/12/12 regular minutes with one amendment i.e. adding "see attached survey" to "road paving" paragraph; AIF; Motion carried.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Babcock suggested cleaning up the township property to the west of the hall; also burning the brush pile and removing the fence. Merrill will come up with a plan to complete this task.

OLD BUSINESS:

Rollenhagen, Zoning Administrator, reported that the Township Attorney, Richard Figura, is involved with the ZBA Parramore Case. No update given.

Merrill excused herself from discussing "hall roof" bids since her son (Hugh Merrill of CHM) has submitted a bid, but first mentioned how easy it would be to "under bid" on a second bid notice. Discussed at last month's board meeting was to do a second bid notice, but Cross stated that the second "bid notice" was never advertised. The township received 4 qualified bids from the roof bid notice advertised last February. The board favors having a "steel" roof installed of utmost quality. Motion by Ertel, supported by Cross, to not go back out for any more bids; AIF; Motion carried

(Merrill excused herself from voting). Ertel will take a closer look at the qualified bids the township has received and next month the board will make a decision.

The board reviewed a draft noise ordinance. Merrill will send to Mr. Figura for his review.

Girven and Cross met with Scott of Turfcare Sunday and he explained the procedure for spraying the weeds. He'll preserve around the graves and areas where myrtle, phlox, etc. have been planted. Our cemetery contains lots of plantain and yellow hawkweed, plus other weeds, and treatment works "on contact." He uses a blue dye and posts before spraying. Girven said she looked at Maidens Rd. cemetery and Fairview, which he recently treated, and they both look nice. Motion by Girven, supported by Cross, to treat the cemetery weeds; Motion carried.

The Planning Report was given by Babcock. He discussed some concerns: canceled meetings month after month, Stafford turning in PC materials/keys due to his resignation, Zoning Ordinance needs updated, missing PC documents from 5-6 years back, posting the PC vacancy, wind ordinance. Merrill said there is lots of work to be completed, planning is key, and she will get keys/documents from Stafford and Merrill (Tony).

A double-booking occurred for last Saturday's hall rental. Merrill worked it out for both parties (one inside and one outside). Merrill will have one master calendar for hall rentals in her possession. She will also record the rentals on the hall calendar, but she is to be contacted regarding booking any hall rentals. Cross will change the hall rental agreement to reflect "Supervisor" signature only and remove Clerk and Treasurer. Motion by Girven, supported by Babcock, to give a full refund to Lisa Thomas for hall rental on 7/7/12; AIF; Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Board reviewed and read aloud policies: 515 Business Hours; 520 Budget; 653 Accidents/Injuries; 701 Transfer Station Contract; 702 Transfer Station Passes; 710 Low Income Hardship Exemption; and 122 Rescheduling Board Meetings. Motion by Babcock, supported by Girven, to approve all, but 710 - TABLED, with changes; AIF; Motion carried.

Cross will put notice in newspaper for the upcoming ballot proposal (Primary is Tuesday, August 7, 2012) regarding "fire millage renewal".

Gerald Stick reported on LIB.

Motion by Cross, supported by Girven, to set up an Election Receiving Board, with one precinct worker from each party, to review election contents before delivering to the Board of Canvassers election night; roll-call vote: aye - Cross, Girven, Babcock, Merrill; nay - Ertel; Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Cross, Clerk