

PLEASANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD
MANISTEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
Monday, August 13, 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.

Guest: Jill Nowak, Manistee County Clerk, addressed the Board and audience by introducing herself, and then discussed duties of the County Clerk's office.

Agenda items added: cemetery spraying, black top township road, clean-up Kortz Road (behind cemetery), township policy 127 Media. Agenda stands as ammended.

Public comment opened; closed.

Motion by Cross, supported by Girven, to approve the 7/9/12 regular minutes; AIF; Motion carried.

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

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

Correspondence received by the Board: recent letter from Mary Manning; Manistee County Community Foundation/Pleasanton Township Cemetery Fund.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kris Kranz reported that maintenance on the township's commercial copier can be performed for \$130-150/hour. Girven questioned if the copier is worth having repaired. Kranz suggested, if the township does purchase a new copier, Brother is a good name and would run about \$400; Michigan Office Supply leases Zerox commerical copiers for \$350. Merrill and Kranz will look at prices.

Kranz discussed with the Board the idea of hiring a new township attorney. He stated that Mr. Figura has not been effective for the Planning Commission, adding that he does not respond in a timely fashion. Further, Kranz said that the Planning Commission would like to have an attorney that specializes in "land use". Merrill will gather information on this topic.

OLD BUSINESS:

Merrill excused herself from voting on the hall roof bid acceptance due to conflict of interest (as her son Hugh Merrill is part of CHM Builders.)

Motion by Girven, supported by Cross, to go ahead with the steel roof and accept bid from CHM; TABLED until later in the meeting. Ertel left meeting to obtain "roof" file.

Board members received a letter from Richard Figura regarding counsel on a township noise ordinance. After discussing, the Board agreed to have Figura put together a draft.

Girven reported that she's decided against "remote banking".

Merrill reported that this winter Richard Farnsworth will burn the brush pile on the property west of the hall. A work bee is scheduled for September to clean up glass, metal, wire, remove fence, and just make it look nice. The building on that property needs junk removed from and painted. Girven stated that the Board can work as a Parks Committee. Merrill responded to Babcock saying that work had been completed at the public access on Three Pines. Babcock said he'd like to see the Parks Committee reinstated. The Board decided to replace the broken (wooden) picnic tables with a bench or two (Merrill will price out). A screen door has been requested by several renters to help keep flies out. The Board decided to get rid of the old desk inside Carol's office.

Loose materials have been a problem at the transfer station. All refuse is to be bagged. Also a problem is "exceeding the 6-bag limit". It was suggested that a list of rules for the transfer station be included on the passes and sent out with the next tax bills. The Board discussed having "spring clean-up" two weeks or so later than usual when season residents have returned to the area.

Ertel returned to the meeting.

Motion by Girven, supported by Cross, to remove the Motion above regarding "steel roof bid"; AIF; Motion carried.

Motion by Girven, supported by Cross, to accept the steel roof bid for the township hall roof put in by CHM and to have the project completed this fall; Motion carried. A separate bid will be required for the bell tower.

Ertel reported that District 10 Health Department will be looking at the stand-alone "septic inspection ordinance". Ertel will do a follow-up on this issue.

Babcock inquired about future plans for weed spraying/reseeding the cemetery. Next spring the Board will discuss reseeding the cemetery. Babcock also said that Scott/Turfcare didn't tell Ken at Kampvilla that he was spraying.

Merrill will make sure we're not on the road commission's schedule to pave a road (since last spring the Board made a Motion to pave a road and are not doing so this year due to cost and budget restraints).

Babcock reported that residents would like to see Kortz Rd. (behind cemetery) closed. The road reportedly has been abandoned by property owners. Ertel said all parties involved have to agree to this and would be responsible for legal expenses.

Motion by Merrill, supported by Girven, to approve policy #710 Low Income Hardship Exemption adding "and federal" to "state guidelines"; AIF; Motion carried. Note: The poverty exemption application used as an attachment to this policy is reviewed every year by the Pleasanton Township Board of Review.

Babcock questioned township policy #127 Media. Ertel and Merrill reported it follows MTA's rules and it stands as is.

Motion by Girven, supported by Cross, to appoint Tony Merrill to the Planning Commission and ZBA due to Bob Stafford's resignation; Roll call vote: Aye – Ertel, Merrill, Cross, Girven; Naye – Babcock; Motion carried.

Lake improvement Board report was given by Jerry Stick. Planning Report was given by Babcock. Merrill distributed copies of the most recent Master Plan and would like board members to review it.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Cross, Clerk