

**PLEASANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD
MANISTEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
Monday, December 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 Carol Merrill, Clerk Amy Cross, Treasurer Judy Girven, and Trustees Rochelle Rollenhagen and Dave Ertel.

Cross administered the oath to the newly elected officials.

Public comment opened; closed.

Lindsay Withrow, Republic Services (fka Allied Waste), reviewed with the Board the letter to the township dated November 27 regarding "rate changes". The letter references the \$267.40 annual savings the Board will receive; with Lindsay mentioning possibly more savings, depending on recycling. Republic Services recycling rates are currently less than the County's. Additionally, we have the opportunity to lock-in rates w/ a three year agreement; the Board will discuss further and respond at the January meeting. Lindsay will do a curb-side/solid waste service quote for our township.

Jack Sawka delivered to the Board a binder of information about the Lake Improvement Board; ie. how it was started, resolutions passed, special assessments, chart of results.

Merrill reported the Road Commission has improved the dirt road at the Transfer Station. She called them after the last meeting and they completed the road work the next day.

Motion by Ertel, supported by Girven, to approve the 11/12/12 regular minutes; AIF; Motion carried.

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

Motion by Cross, supported by Ertel, to pay the monthly bills as presented on the check register, adding Consumers/hall \$82.92, Consumers/cemetery \$22.35 and Board of Review wages \$105.00; AIF; Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion by Merrill, supported by Rollenhagen, for Cross to become a notary; AIF; Motion carried.

Merrill reported the poverty exemption resolution and asset value has to be approved every year. Motion by Girven, supported by Cross, to approve this resolution, with the asset amount not to exceed \$1,500.00; roll-call vote – aye: Girven, Ertel, Rollehagen, Merrill and Cross; nay– none; AIF; Motion carried.

After discussion by the Board it was decided not to charge any of the schools (Bear Lake, Onekama, KND, Benzie Central) for the November election. There are minimal added costs for the schools when a township holds a General Election. A recent change in state law now requires schools to hold their elections (i.e. millage, school board) in November of even years; otherwise they will have to hold special elections and are responsible for the cost.

OLD BUSINESS: The Board has decided not to purchase a new copier and to continue using the existing HP laser jet M1217 printer at the hall. The other HP (commercial) is about four years old and is not working.

OTHER BUSINESS: Motion by Cross, supported by Ertel, to approve the Legal Services Agreement with the law firm of Young, Graham, Elsenheimer & Wendling, P.C. and authorizes the Supervisor to sign the agreement on behalf of the township; AIF; Motion carried.

Motion by Girven, supported by Ertel, to purchase ten “swim at your own risk” signs for the township's public accesses on Bear Lake; AIF; Motion carried. Last year's risk assessment by Par Plan/Jerry Adair suggests doing this. (Cross will order the signs.)

The Transfer Station operation was discussed. Board members will be taking turns being there in the upcoming weeks to enforce the rules stated in the recent newsletter that was sent out.

APPOINTMENTS: Motion by Merrill, supported by Cross, to appoint Girven to the Zoning Board of Appeals; AIF; Motion carried.

Motion by Merrill, supported by Rollenhagen, to appoint Ertel to the Planning Commission; AIF; Motion carried.

Motion by Cross, supported by Rollenhagen, to appoint Merrill to the Library Board; AIF; Motion carried.

Motion by Merrill, supported by Cross, to renew Kris Kranz's appointment to the Planning Commission until December 2015; AIF; Motion carried.

LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD: No meeting until later in December.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Report given by Dave Ertel.

Ertel returned the remaining funds (from "hall steel roof" grant) to the Revenue Sharing Board.

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Cross, Clerk