

**PLEASANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD  
MANISTEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
Monday, June 10, 2013**

**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 Dave Ertel and Rochelle Rollenhagen. Absent: None.

Agenda amendedments: Guest Mr. Matthew Coffey, SEC, unable to be at tonight's meeting; Adding to Unfinished Business: b. cemetery reseeding and c. ORV signs; removing from Correspondence: LIB and Library Board; Motion by Cross, supported by Girven, to accept above changes to the agenda; AIF; Motion carried.

Public comment opened; closed.

Closed Session: Motion by Merrill, supported by Ertel, to enter into closed session at 7:10 pm re: Mr. Douglas Parramore ZBA litigation; Roll-call vote: aye – Ertel, Rollenhagen, Merrill, Cross, and Girven; nay – none; AIF; Motion carried.

Motion by Ertel, supported by Merrill, to re-open regular meeting at 7:50 pm; Roll-call vote: aye – Rollenhagen, Merrill, Cross, Girven and Ertel; nay – none; AIF; Motion carried.

Motion by Cross, supported by Ertel, to approve the 5/13/13 regular minutes, with one change, Bear Lake Property *Owners* Association; AIF; Motion carried.

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

Motion by Cross, supported by Girven, to pay the monthly bills, adding Consumers Energy \$78.69/hall, \$13.92/cemetery and Richard Figura Attorney \$1,912.50; AIF; Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: MTA principles of governance were reviewed: Motion by Cross, supported by Ertel to adopt these principles; Roll-call vote: aye – Merrill, Cross, Girven, Ertel and Rollenhagen; nay – none; AIF; Motion carried.

Blarney Castle “pre-pay” agreement for the upcoming winter year was received and discussed. The Board decided to review it further and decide at the next meeting if we would pre-pay any propane, or not. Deadline for the agreement falls soon after our July meeting.

NEW BUSINESS Motion by Girven, supported by Cross, to name Carol Merrill as the contact person for Great Lakes Water Quality Lab agreement with Pleasanton Township; AIF; Motion carried. Rebecca from Great Lakes will provide all test results and other pertinent information to the township.

Motion by Cross, supported by Rollenhagen, to adopt the following township policies: #124 Recusing from voting and #370 Employee resignation; AIF; Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS Superior Energy Company (SEC) provides natural gas to some our area's residents. The Township is gathering and reviewing information on this subject so they can decide on an agreement recently proposed to them by SEC. With the current SEC agreement, fifteen (15) years remain. Merrill has been in contact with Matthew Coffey from SEC, who explained that SEC is getting their natural gas from MichCon at cost; delivery charges is are added on by SEC. Merrill will send a letter to Mr. Coffey requesting that we will approve a new “15 year” agreement that is revocable (not irrevocable like the proposal) with MichCon setting the natural gas price, Superior adding “delivery” charges.

Cross will contact Scott of Turfcare to schedule “weed spraying” at the cemetery within the next week or two, and “grass seeding” at the cemetery for fall.

ORV (off road vehicle) signs are needed in the township at: Bair Avenue, Three Pines, Big Bay, and Hopkin's Forest. The township's ORV ordinance was passed two years ago, but signs were never put up. Merrill will talk with Jerry Peterson at the next Road Commission meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS Merrill has researched information regarding the problem with the ducks on US 31 /Pleasanton Highway (Lisa Hengy's farm). Under Right to Farm: animals have to be contained and the owner is 100% responsible should any accidents/injuries occur. Merrill and Cross will draft and send a letter to The Hengy's regarding this matter.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Report given by Dave Ertel.

LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD: Report given by Gerald Stick.

Merrill reported she attended the recent Manistee County Planning meeting. Two of many subjects discussed: MDOT'S potential change to 40–45 mph speed limit by airport/hospital; Aerial photographs – eventually with property lines, Merrill added.

Other areas Merrill reported on: Parks and Recreation plan demographics – she's currently working on; Grave stone restoration – not too many people out there who do this, she'll continue to research; Tennis court resurfacing – \$99/100 sq' ft' at Home Depot – 7200 square foot area (possible revenue sharing grant).

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Cross, Clerk