

**PLEASANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD  
MANISTEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
Monday, September 9, 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.

Public comment opened; closed.

Merrill reported in response to some public comment items: The Board has not yet discussed next year's fire agreement. Matt Coffey of Superior Energy will be in attendance at next month's meeting to answer questions regarding the franchise agreement. The Road Commission is working on figures for Hopkin's Forest road repair; Elmer's quote is lower and the Road Commission will still match if we use them.

Motion by Ertel, supported by Cross, to approve the regular minutes 8/12/13; AIF; Motion carried.

Treasurer Girven gave the financial report for the month of August. Motion by Merrill, supported by Ertel, to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented; AIF; Motion carried.

Motion by Merrill, supported by Cross, to pay the monthly bills as presented on the check register; AIF; Motion carried.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS: LIB correspondence

CORRESPONDENCE: BLFD run report thru 8/18/13; Lake Improvement Board – Agenda 8/15/13, Minutes 7/18/13, Activity Report thru 8/14/13

NEW BUSINESS: Cross reported on the recent audit conducted by Accident Fund. Pleasanton Township has received an \$8,000 bill for the worker's compensation policy period 5/2012–5/2013 due to “sub-contractor” information that was submitted to them. It has been discovered that any contractors hired by the Township must have their own workers compensation policy for any employees they

have; otherwise the township is liable. Allen's Land and Lake Maintenance have general liability coverage, but no workers comp policy for their employees (who are subcontracted). Tanya Allen stated it would cost her business about \$1750 for coverage, and that would make the most sense, since it's costing the township so much more. CHM Builders who subcontracted the roofing project at the hall, have general liability coverage, but are exempt from workers comp since they are each sole proprietors w/o employees. Cross has recently submitted determination of work forms with this information to Accident Fund per their request. The bill is expected to be reduced by half. The Board discussed the importance of a newly drafted service agreement for any hired contractors, of which to include submission of general liability insurance coverage and workers compensation coverage. Cross will examine other subcontractors hired by the township to assure they are exempt.

An ash tree (w/emerald ash borer) on the township's park property on Lakeside needs to come down. The board discussed bidding it out with newspaper advertisement, hiring a professional since the tree is so close to a house. Merrill said she'll check into how to dispose of the tree properly since it's diseased.

Transfer Station dates for next year were reviewed and will be set next month in order to have passes printed a timely fashion conducive with the mailing of winter tax bills.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Merrill reported the ORV signs have been put up in the township by the Road Commission. They will remove the one on Meyers Road which was put up by mistake.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Report given by Dave Ertel.

LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD: Report given by Gerald Stick.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER: No report given.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Cross, Clerk