

**PLEASANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD
MANISTEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
Monday, November 11, 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, and Trustee Rochelle Rollenhagen.

Motion by Merrill, supported by Girven, to accept the resignation of Dave Ertel, Trustee; AIF; Motion carried.

Motion by Merrill, supported by Rollenhagen, to appoint Brenda Monk as Trustee until the next General Election; AIF; Motion carried. Motion by Merrill, supported by Cross, to appoint Monk to Pleasanton's Planning Commission; AIF; Motion carried. Cross administered oath to Monk.

Public comment opened; closed.

Agenda amendments: To correspondence – MTA letter – Pleasanton Twp. vs. Douglas Parramore, Court of Appeals; To Unfinished Business – E. Transfer Station rules; Motion by Girven, supported by Cross, to accept agenda amendments; AIF; Motion carried.

Tanya Allen, Allen's Lake & Land Maintenance, presented a proposal for snowplowing and lawn service to the township for a three-year period, beginning January 1, 2014, stating they would like to continue to service the township, as they have for approximately seven (7) years. There would be no rate increase for 2014; the schedule of fees is as follows:

2014 – Plowing – Town hall \$25/per time, Transfer Station \$55/per hour
2015 – Plowing – Town hall \$30/per time; Transfer Station \$55/per hour
2016 – Plowing – Town hall \$30/per time; Transfer Station \$55/per hour

2014 – Mowing – Cemetery \$375/per time; Town hall & ballpark area \$110/per time;
All accesses & park \$160/per time
2015 – Mowing – Cemetery \$400/per time; Town hall & ball park area \$110/per time;
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2016 – Mowing – Cemetery \$400/per time; Town hall & ball park area \$110/per
time; All accesses & park \$160/per time

Merrill addressed the workers compensation requirement. Mrs. Allen responded she would have that to us by January 1, 2014. Motion by Monk, supported by Girven, to accept the three-year proposal from Allen's Lake & Land Maintenance for snowplowing and lawn service; roll call vote – ayes: Girven, Monk, Rollenhagen, Merrill, Cross; AIF; Motion carried.

Rich Russell, Bear Lake Watershed Alliance, is requesting Pleasanton Township partner with the Greater Watershed Alliance (includes BLWA & Bear Creek Watershed Alliance) in their efforts to obtain a grant from the State of Michigan for the “engineering phase” of storm drain maintenance. This phase would consist of investigating the condition of over 60 culverts, potential rerouting plans, and catch basin and plant garden exploration. A map marking existing storm drains within the Village of Bear Lake, Bear Lake Township, Pleasanton Township and outer regions of these areas has been created to present with the grant application, but was not available at the meeting. Board members asked about the location of existing storm drains in Pleasanton Township, but no concrete information was given. Mr. Russell communicated that Tom Smith, County Drain Commissioner, and Rob Carson, County Planner, are both in favor of this endeavor. If no grant is awarded for this phase, grant opportunities are available for other phases of the project, i.e. the “construction phase” which follows the “engineering phase.” Rollenhagen suggested we draft a letter (instead of the one presented by Mr. Russell) stating that Pleasanton Township “supports” the grant application for the “engineering phase” of storm drain assessment, striking “partner with”. Mr. Russell said he would provide the Board with the storm drains map at a later date. Motion by Monk, supported by Girven, to draft our own letter in support of the grant application for the engineering phase of storm drain assessment, to be signed by Supervisor Merrill; AIF; Motion carried.

Minutes of October 14, 2013 regular meeting stand as presented.

Motion by Merrill, supported by Cross, for the Supervisor to accept the Treasurer's Report; AIF; Motion carried.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

- *Lake Improvement Board: Expense Report thru 9/18/13, Minutes 7/18/13 & 8/18/13
- *Bear Lake Township Fire & Rescue: Run report thru 8/18/13, Minutes July & Aug 2013
- *Dept of Environmental Quality: Requirements & Restrictions on Chemical Treatments for Aquatic Nuisance Control
- *Great Lakes Water Lab pesticide reports: May & Aug 2013
- *Letter from Gerald & Therese Stick
- *MTA letter offering legal counsel for Court of Appeals case Pleasanton Twp. vs. Douglas Parramore (Legal Defense Fund)

NEW BUSINESS: The Board discussed inviting Bear Lake Township Board to attend a special meeting, with our Township Board, to discuss next year's fire and rescue contract. A member from the audience asked the Board about the intent of the fire fund (\$42,258.46). Merrill explained this gives the township something to fall back on for emergencies. Girven added that it could be used, if needed, for wild fires (costs incurred) or if the fire millage didn't pass it's there as a cushion. Cross will send a letter to Deanna Pattison, Bear Lake Township Clerk, extending an invitation to Bear Lake Township Board to discuss the fire and rescue contract for next year.

The Planning Commission is requesting approval of the Board to send the draft master plan out for review by Manistee County Planning Department, local utility companies, and the public. After an allotment of 63 days for review, the township's Planning Commission will continue efforts toward a final draft. Input from the review may or may not be included in the Master Plan's final draft. Motion by Girven, supported by Rollenhagen, to send the draft master plan out for review by the entities listed above, roll call vote – ayes: Monk, Rollenhagen, Merrill, Cross, Girven; AIF; Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Motion by Merrill, supported by Cross, for Ed Thompson of Bear Lake to cut and remove a dead ash tree at the Township Park on Lakeside Ave, at a price of \$1100, to be completed either this year or in the spring; AIF; Motion carried. Cross will draft a short-term contract for Mr. Thompson to sign, and obtain a copy of his liability insurance.

Cross reported she has submitted a corrected version of the “workers comp” audit report to Accident Fund which may effect the \$8,000 invoice now in dispute.

The Board discussed the proposed rate increase by cemetery sexton, John Larsen of Mesick, and other cemetery issues including winter burials and selling lots. TABLED UNTIL DECEMBER.

After discussion by the Board regarding road repair for Hopkins Forest Drive, and concerns about the condition of Lakeside Avenue and Norconk Road, it was decided to look into a “traffic count” for these roads. Also, Merrill mentioned the Road Commission may not have any matching funds to contribute once prioritization is determined for road repair in the township.

“Transfer Station Rules” with attention to “controlling the cost of this service by following these simple rules” and “residential trash only” will go out with the winter tax bills.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Report given by Merrill.

LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD: Report given by Jerry Stick.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Cross, Clerk