

OAKFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
November 10, 2020

2020-15

CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Oakfield Township Board of Trustees held November 10, 2020 at 10300 14 Mile Road, Rockford, MI., was called to order at 7:01 pm.

Present were: Greg Dean, Larry Parker, Pamela Riker, Ken Rittersdorf, Chad Sowerby, Bryan Porter & Sue Trainer

Absent:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve regular meeting minutes for October 13, 2020 offered by Porter second by Rittersdorf approved per a voice vote 7-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Motion to approve Treasury Report for October 2020 offered by Sowerby second by Riker approved per a voice vote 7-0.

Motion to approve transfer of funds from the Cemetary to the General Fund in the amount of \$20.90 offered put on hold. Might have already been done.

Motion to approve General Fund expenditures for the month of Ocotber 2020 in the amount of \$81,870.72 offered by Porter second by Parker approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

Motion to approve Scram Lake expenditures for the month of October 2020 in the amount of \$5,300.20 offered by Sowerby second by Parker approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

Motion to approved paying Herrington Excavating on 11/12/2020 offered by Dean second by Parker approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire Department:

- 24 calls for October. 18 medical, 1 P.I. accident, 3 P.D. accidents, 2 Spencer assist.

Monthly Training – Chimney Fire Suppression.

Fire Chief requested Ben Secson be allowed to join the Fire Department. Motion made by Riker second by Sowerby approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

PCI Report: 11 building permits, 19 electrical, 11 mechanical, 4 plumbing, 5 LP & 1 fireplace. On track for largest building spree in history of Oakfield Township.

Planning Commission: No meeting in October. Next meeting Tuesday November 17, 2020 Rezoning Hearing for Dollar Store..

Zoning Board of Appeals: No meeting last month.

Zoning Administrator: 3 applications submitted for this position. Stuck on hold with ordinance enforcement due to the courts being closed.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

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- Charter Cable-Issued a fee hike.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Cowen Lake Sewer-Behind schedule. Should be up and useable by 1st of March but could change.
- Trustee Position Western Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs- Sam Peterson was approved by the association to join.
- Louis Anderson Property-Lien has been added to the property taxes. One for \$9500.00 and one for \$15,900.00.
- Dangerous Building Hearing for a House on 10 Mile Rd- Man gutted it, bank repoed it because he quit making payments. When the bank inspected it , it was in such bad shape the bank gave it back to the man.

Motion to approve to bring this home to a dangerous building status offered by Dean second by Sowerby approved per a roll call vote 7-0. .

NEW BUSINESS:

- Knox Lock Ordinance- Letters will be sent to existing business requesting that they update to a lock box. Cost varies but would save them money overall. Time line to update is 90 days after notification.

Motion to adopt Ordinance #11-10-20 for businesses to update to lock box system offered by Sowerby second by Rittersdorf approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

- Audit of 2020 Tax Rate-State is going to audit tax role. Only involves accessor.
- Scram Lake-Lake Level- Dean met with DEQ, road commission, drain commission and some Scram Lake residence. Wanted the DEQ to approve lowering the culvert under Nugent to lower the lake level. Everyone was against it. Need to pursue other options. DEQ told residents they would need an environmental study that would run between \$100,000-\$200,000. Resident spoke with Sowerby about possibly working out a deal to pump water out of the lake for him to use to irrigate his fields.
- Election Report 2020- Trainer reported that don't have numbers yet from the County but it was a very busy election with a large turnout. Had some machine difficulties. Porter wanted to know what happened to ballots at the end of the night. They go into locked and sealed containers and locked into our vault.
- Revenue Sharing Distribution- First revenue sharing check was down 6%, second was down 13%, the last was largest we've ever gotten up 12.6%-\$101,649.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Betsy Koett asked when next audit will be done. Probably May or June of 2021. Up to Clerk and Treasure to decide.

BOARD COMMENTS: Dean stated he received a postcard telling about MTA training if anyone was interested and didn't get a card to see him.

All Township officials need to be sworn in by November 20, 2020. Trainer will set a date to do this and coordinate it with everyone involved.

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Thanked Parker for all his years of service as Township Treasurer since he will be retiring in November.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm offered by Sowerby second by Riker approved per a voice call vote.

Susan Trainer
Oakfield Township Clerk