

OAKFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
November 13, 2018

2018-18

CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Oakfield Township Board of Trustees held November 13, 2018 at 10300 14 Mile Road, Rockford, MI., was called to order at 7:30 pm.

Present were: Greg Dean, Larry Parker, Bryan Porter, Pamela Riker, Ken Rittersdorf, Chad Sowerby and Linda VanHouten

Absent: none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve regular meeting minutes for October 9, 2018, offered by Rittersdorf second by Sowerby approved per a voice vote 7-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Motion to approve the report of fund balances for October as presented offered by Sowerby second by Porter approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

Motion approve transfer of funds from the Capital Fund account to the General Fund in the amount of \$79,941.58 – Roads - offered by Sowerby second by Rittersdorf approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

Motion to approve General Fund Expenditures for the month of October 2018 in the amount of \$117,793.06 offered by Porter second by Rittersdorf approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

Motion to approve Sewer Fund Expenditures for the month of October 2018 in the amount of \$2,355.22 offered by Sowerby second by Porter approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire Department:

- 22 Calls for the month of October
- Monthly Training – Truck checks, small engines, tools.

Chief Peterson mentioned he has a request for 4 of our old fire helmets from a neighboring fire department. Discussion by board.

Motion to donate old fire helmets offered by Dean second by Sowerby approved per a voice vote 7-0.

PCI Report: Report on file

Planning Commission: Met last month, will meet again this month, Nov. 20, 7:00 pm.

Zoning Board of Appeals: No meeting.

Zoning Administrator: Report on file

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

- Charter Cable – 2 letters, regular channel line up's. On file.

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CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- Cemetery Bids: Discussion by board.

Motion to approve O'Dowd's for cemetery maintenance for 2019 season offered by Sowerby second by Riker approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

- Zoning Ordinance for Marijuana: The Township attorneys have been in contact with Dean about procedures for adopting an ordinance to opt out of allowing marijuana facilities within the Twp. Discussion by board.

Motion to move forward with a public hearing at the Planning Commission on December 18, 2018 offered by Sowerby second by Parker approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

- Damage to Township Front Lawn: Received a check for \$1,500 for damage to the front lawn. Will have it repaired in the Spring.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Special Use Hearing for a Child Care Facility – November 20, 2018 @ 7 pm at the Township hall.
- Wolverine Power: Had some work done on the Township generator. New hoses, antifreeze, maintenance.
- Kubota Mower: Recall on Township mower. Radiator reservoir cap. Will let us know when it's available.
- Cowan Lake Sewer: Dean has delivered checks back to the residents. Assessment will begin on their December tax bill.
- Betsy Koett Work Schedule: Koett mentioned the assessor is here alone on Monday afternoons. Offered to work those hours to help with phones, resident questions etc. Discussion by board. Will hold off for now but will address again before the new budget year.
- Revenue Sharing: Received \$88,245.00. Up from \$85,008.00 this time last year.
- Newsletter Due November 26, 2018: Have Winter newsletter articles to VanHouten by Monday, Nov. 26.
- Election Report: VanHouten went over numbers and results for November 6, 2018 election. Record voter turnout for a mid-term general election at 61%, with a total of 2,846 votes cast.
- Damage to Township Lawn from Election: Discussion by board over lack of parking during elections. Dean will get prices for paving back lot as well as fencing possibilities.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None

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BOARD COMMENTS:

Dean stated that Spencer Twp. is having a Public Hearing on November 28 about the shooting range.

Parker discussed bank options for the Capital Outlay account. Chemical bank will match the 2.18% interest rate offered by Grand River Bank.

Motion to move funds from the County Capital Outlay account and transfer to Chemical offered by Sowerby second by Riker approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

Dean mentioned there could possibly be a Public Hearing the 3rd Wednesday in December for the 13 Mile Road paving project. Could be a 2-3 year project. He will keep us informed.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm offered by Sowerby second by Riker approved per a voice call vote.

Linda L. VanHouten
Oakfield Township Clerk