

OAKFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
March 11, 2014

CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Oakfield Township Board of Trustees held March 11, 2014 at 10300 14 Mile Road, Rockford, MI., was called to order at 7:30 pm.

Present were: Greg Dean, Roger Mason, Brooke Mauric, Larry Parker, Bryan Porter, Ken Rittersdorf, and Chad Sowerby

Absent: none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve regular meeting minutes for February 11, 2014 as written offered by Parker second by Sowerby approved by voice vote

Motion to approve special board meeting minutes from February 22, 2014 with corrections offered by Sowerby second by Porter approved by voice vote

Motion to approve election commission minutes from March 6, 2014 offered by Parker second by Mauric approved per voice vote

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Motion to approve the report of fund balances for February 2014 as presented offered by Mauric second by Rittersdorf was approved per a roll call vote 7-0

Motion to amend budget 209-701 assessor salary by .04 offered by Porter second by Parker approved per a roll call vote 7-0

Motion to amend budget 253-863 tax collection by \$81.20 offered by Sowerby second by Porter approved per a roll call vote 7-0

Motion to amend budget 265-920 hall utilities by \$231.76 offered by Parker second by Sowerby approved per a roll call vote 7-0

Motion to amend budget 276-927 sexton fees by \$1,175.00 offered by Sowerby second by Parker approved per a roll call vote 7-0

Motion to amend budget 336-998 new pumper fund by \$5.00 offered by Porter second by Rittersdorf approved per a roll call vote 7-0

Motion to amend budget 410-822 PCI inspections by \$7,272.00 offered by Sowerby second by Porter approved per a roll call vote 7-0

Motion to amend budget 412-703 hearing officer by \$100.00 offered by Parker second by Sowerby approved per a roll call vote 7-0

Motion to amend budget 793-965 historical commission by \$291.92 offered by Sowerby second by Parker approved per a roll call vote 7-0

Motion to amend budget 999 transfers general fund to capital fund by \$365,000.00 offered by Parker second by Rittersdorf approved per roll call vote 7-0

Motion to transfer \$375,000 from the general fund to the capital fund offered by Parker second by Sowerby approved per a roll call vote 7-0

Motion to approve General Fund expenditures for the month of March 2014 in the amount of \$33,345.88 offered by Porter second by Sowerby was approved per a roll call vote 7-0

Motion to approve Sewer Fund expenditures for the month of March 2014 in the amount of \$7,336.35 offered by Sowerby second by Parker was approved per a roll call vote 7-0

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire Department:

- 14 runs for February
- Fire report on file

PCI Report: report on file

Planning Commission: no new business; next meeting March 18, 2014

Board of Zoning Appeals: No meeting

Zoning Administrator: N/A

CORRESPONDANCE SENT:

- **Log Cabin Grocery-** Mike Malone is working to correct issues with sign; he has contacted the company that placed the sign and is trying to work with neighbors
- **Richard J. Klein-** it was determined a garage on his property has been turned into a second home without obtaining permits; a notice was sent

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CORRESPONDANCE RECEIVED:

- **Kent County Road Commission-** Road restrictions are in place; report on money spent on road improvements

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: John Decker and Chris Afendoulis were present and announced they are running for the 73rd district seat

OLD BUSINESS:

- **National Flood Insurance Program Ordinance Code Amendment-** Dean recommends the board waits to change the ordinance until it has been fully researched; even if adopted in this meeting it would not go into effect for at least 6 weeks

Motion to table until flood plain maps are available offered by Dean second by Rittersdorf approved per a voice vote

- **Kent County Development letter-** sent
- **Kent County Road Commission letter-** sent

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Board of Review-** last day March 12
- **Joyce Mahlich property-** property has not been torn down or repaired; Dean is going to contact a demolition company
- **Revenue Sharing-** \$72,402.00 received
- **Fire Chief Suspension-** Riker requested a closed session in writing

Motion to remain in open session offered by Parker second by Sowerby approved per a roll call vote 7-0

Dean reviewed complaints about Riker's conduct on recent emergency scenes. The complaints include residents entering the burning building while the fire department was on scene, equipment being used by bystanders, bystanders engaging in drinking alcohol at fire scene, the east bound lane of M-57 was not properly closed to land Aeromed, and Riker used the deck gun against his work restrictions. The board was also informed that 71 run reports had not been filed with KCEMS since October 2013. Riker responded that the residents were not in the part of the building that was on fire, he was unaware of bystanders trying to use equipment and initially of the drinking bystanders until they were drinking at a nearby barn, the engine was blocking the road by old 14 mile and the road commission blocked the road at Lincoln Lake for Aeromed, also it was noted that Aeromed would not land if they felt it was unsafe, he stated there was no excuse for not filing the KCEMS reports, and he felt that using the deck gun was not part of his restrictions. Riker explained he does not have enough time to complete his duties. The board and firefighters in the audience asked and answered various questions.

Motion to put Riker on probation for 6 months, any problems and Riker will be dismissed as Fire Chief offered by Dean second by Mason approved per a roll call vote 5-2 Rittersdorf and Mauric

CITIZENS COMMENTS: N/A

BOARD COMMENTS: Mickey Davis advised the board the deck gun on engine 21 was donated to Oakfield Township in memory of his son.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm offered by Sowerby second by Parker approved per a voice vote.

Brooke V. Mauric
Oakfield Township Clerk