

OAKFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 10, 2012

**CALL TO ORDER:**

A regular meeting of the Oakfield Township Board of Trustees held April 10, 2012 at 10300 14 Mile Road, Rockford, MI., was called to order at 7:30 pm.

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

**Absent:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion to approve regular meeting minutes from March 13, 2012 as written offered by Rittersdorf second by Porter was approved per a roll call vote 7-0

Motion to approve Budget Hearing Minutes for Proposed Budget from March 31, 2012 as written offered by Parker second by Sowerby was approved per a roll call vote 7-0

Motion to approve Budget Approval Meeting Minutes from March 31, 2012 as written offered by Sowerby second by Mason was approved per a roll call vote 7-0

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

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

Motion to approve General Fund expenditures for the month of April 2012 in the amount of \$43,565.77 offered by Sowerby second by Parker was approved per a roll call vote 7-0

Motion to approve Sewer Fund expenditures for the month of April 2012 in the amount of \$1,883.58 offered by Mason second by Porter was approved per a roll call vote 7-0

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Fire Department:**

- 15 runs for March
- Report on file

**PCI Report:** on file

**Planning Commission:** at March 20, 2012 meeting they met with Mootsie's and lifted the maximum amount of cars for sale on property, they will review new business plans at next meeting

**Board of Zoning Appeals:** at the March 21, 2012 meeting, minutes were approved

**Zoning Administrator:** Report on file

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Comcast Cable-see Dean
- Charter Cable-see Dean
- MTA- Tout your Township Day- Dean asked board if anyone was interested in attending event in Lansing.
- Board of County Commissioners- They have changed how to appoint people to the Library Board
- Michigan Municipal League- Looking for Board members
- West Michigan Planning Commission- Cannon Township is planning an extension to Cannon Trail

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:** Citizen requested to be able to care for up to 12 children in her home, under the current ordinance she can only care for 6, state law says she can care for 12, Township will need to update ordinance to allow for the care of 12 children

Motion to have attorney make changes to ordinance regarding in home childcare offered by Dean second by Sowerby approved per a roll call vote 7-0

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Property at 9681 14 mile-US Bank**-Kurt from PCI to declare this a unsafe building
- **Solid Waste Plan Amendment**- Representative will be at the next board meeting to explain amendment
- **Board meeting date for May is May 9, 2012**

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Polling Place for elections-** Mauric would like all precincts polling locations to remain at the Township Hall

Motion to have all polling locations at Township Hall offered by Mauric second by Parker approved per a voice vote

- **Packets are now available for those interested in running for positions on the Board of Trustees and Precinct Delegates.** Paperwork must be turned in by May 15, 2012. See Mauric for any questions.
- **Natural gas for homes on Podunk south of M-57-** Citizen requested board to consider getting natural gas at the Museum located on Podunk. Currently the museum uses propane and it is only used to heat Museum minimally. Much discussion ensued.

Motion to table natural gas for Museum until next meeting offered by Dean second by Sowerby approved per a roll call vote 7-0

- **12116 Stacey Woods PVT-** believed to be running a boarding house, currently home has 6 renters, zoned as a single family residential home, owner will be coming to talk to Dean
- **Kent County Community Development-**Township still has funds from last few years. Citizens in our Township are not using funds.

Motion to agree to allow Kent County Community Development Department to allocate and disperse all 2012-2013 CDBG Program Funding for Oakfield Township as the department sees fit offered by Sowerby second by Rittersdorf approved per a roll call vote 7-0

- **Funding for Siren Update-** there may be a grant available
- **Property on 11 mile with collapsed farm tile-** Dean spoke with Doug Sport(Kent County Drain Commission) and Robert Day(Water Resources Division DNR) and was told no permits were needed and it would be considered a repair.
- **Filling swimming pools using the new tanker-**Mauric checked with insurance representative and this would not be in the Township's best interest, it may waive governmental immunity
- **Ordinance Code- Swimming Pools-** Building inspector read over current ordinances involving pools and recommends that some changes need to be made

Motion to have attorney make changes to swimming pool ordinance codes offered by Dean second by Sowerby approved per a roll call vote 7-0

- **Ash Foundation-** there is not enough money after estate taxes to pay all the charities that Mrs. Ash donated to

Motion to not involve attorney offered by Dean second by Parker approved per a roll call vote 7-0

- **Dean will meet with George from property on 14 mile that requires clean up**

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:** more discussion about natural gas

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

- **New fax machine-**Larry advised board that current fax machine was in bad shape and Larry would like board to consider purchasing new fax machine

Motion to replace old fax machine offered by Parker second by Sowerby approved per a roll call vote 7-0

- **Thank you note from Historical Society-**Dean read note regarding new carpet at Museum
- **New door on Privy-** Dean reported that privy door does not shut correctly and would like board to approve new door

Motion to spend money on new door and latches for privy offered by Porter second by Sowerby approved per a roll call vote 7-0

- **New Tanker-** there is a small delay on the tanker being completed due to the fender builder being out on medical leave, Don will drive up to inspect lights, tanker should be ready in about two weeks
- **MTA PAR Board-** looking for board nominations

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**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm offered by  
Sowerby second by Rittersdorf approved per a voice vote.

Brooke V. Mauric  
Oakfield Township Clerk