

OAKFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
May 10, 2016

CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Oakfield Township Board of Trustees held May 10, 2016 at 10300 14 Mile Road, Rockford, MI., was called to order at 7:30 PM.

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

Absent: none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve regular meeting minutes for April 12, 2016 offered by Sowerby second by Porter approved per a roll call vote 7-0

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Motion to approve the report of fund balances for April 2016 as presented offered by Sowerby second by Rittersdorf was approved per a roll call vote 7-0

Motion to transfer funds from the Capital Fund to the General Fund Drive Extension in the amount of \$8,825.00 offered by Dean second by Sowerby approved per a roll call vote 7-0

Motion to transfer funds from the Capital Fund to the General Fund Phone System in the amount of \$7,331.45 offered by Porter second by Sowerby approved per a roll call vote 7-0

Motion to transfer funds from the Cemetery Fund to the General Fund Fence Repair in the amount of \$465.45 offered by Sowerby second by Mason approved per a roll call vote 7-0

Motion to approve General Fund expenditures for the month of April 2016 in the amount of \$60,261.94 offered by Rittersdorf second by Sowerby was approved per a roll call vote 7-0

Motion to approve Sewer Fund expenditures for the month of April 2016 in the amount of \$9,058.12 offered by Sowerby second by Parker was approved per a roll call vote 7-0

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire Department:

- 19 Runs for April
- Monthly Training: Fire Dept. meeting
- Back driveway complete – lawn seeding in progress.
- Report on File

PCI Report: Report on file

Planning Commission: Met last month, continuing with zoning ordinances.
Next Planning Commission meeting Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 7 PM at the Township hall.

Zoning Board of Appeals: Next meeting Wednesday May 18, 2016, 6:30 PM at the Township Hall.

Zoning Administrator: Report on file

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

- Kent County Road Commission: currently grading; will begin dust layers next week.
- Kent County Sheriff Quarterly Report: on file

CORRESPONDENCE SENT:

- Terry Holp –Building Permits have been voided

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- David Seay – Fire loss 9686 10 Mile Rd – deadline for cleanup June 22, 2016
He has been notified by mail.
- **CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:**
Thomas Murray introduced himself to the board. He is running for circuit court judge in Kent County. Passed out his biography and campaign literature. Paul Decess stated he is running for township Supervisor.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Fire Department Social Media Policy:** Fire Chief Peterson asked if the board reviewed the policy from the last meeting. Brief discussion.
Motion to adopt the Social media policy offered by Porter second by Mason approved per a roll call vote 7-0
 - **Montcalm County work order for Montcalm Ave:** will be starting this summer.
 - **Cusack Property:** trailer is demolished but in piles. Giving one more week to clean it up, otherwise we will hire it done and bill Cusack.
 - **Zoo and Museum Millage:** County commission will be voting on Thursday pm if it will be on ballot.
 - **Fences repaired at Horton Cemetery:** work has been completed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Revenue Sharing:** up \$488. from last year.
- **Property up for back taxes:**
Motion to adopt Resolution #2016-09 for exercising rights of refusal on Property up for back taxes offered by Dean and second by Parker was approved per a roll call vote 7-0
- **Road projects for 2017:** Lapple Avenue
- **Financial Audit for the Township:** complete, all looked good. Will get final report in the next month from them.
- **Newsletter Deadline May 23, 2016:** have articles to VanHouten by this date.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: Paul Decess and Troy Caswell mentioned some concerns with the fire department. Brief discussion. Dean ended the discussion stating we support Fire Chief Peterson.

Mason mentioned the next Fire Commission meeting is Friday, May 13 at 8:30 AM at the Grand Rapids Road Commission.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM offered by Dean second by Sowerby approved per a voice call vote.

Linda L. VanHouten
Oakfield Township Clerk