

Regular Meeting
Charter Township of Raisin
Board of Trustees
August 8th 2016
Raisin Community Center
3266 Gady Road, Adrian MI. 49221
6:30 PM
517-423-3162
www.raisinchartertownship.com

1. Call to Order

August 8th 2016 board meeting call to order at 6:30 pm by Supervisor Dale Witt.

2. Welcome, Pledge, Moment of Silence and Prayer

Pastor Alan Maki was scheduled and was absent. Thank you Thomas Hawkins for leading us in prayer.

3. Roll Call

Present: Debbie Brousseau, Thomas Hawkins, Larry Crittenden, Kami Johnson, Betty Holdridge, Dale Witt.

Absent: Dale Mitchell

Township attorney David Laccase was also in attendance.

4. Communications:

- Consumer's Energy will be at the Holloway building to install the electricity to the siren pole sometime this week 8/8/2016-8/12/2016.
- Hawkins asked if anyone has communicated to the trustee Dale Mitchell. Holdridge's husband has and he is doing fine.
- Suggestion to send all the land divisions to the Lenawee County Road Commission so they can review drive access on the application as well.
- Supervisor is looking into plans for yard waste, possibly working with Lenawee County Road Commission and using their property on Ives road.
- The recycling area behind the Township offices is being misused. The Township is looking into putting better signage, more lighting and upgrading the security camera system for this area. The township may offer reward to those dumping illegally. Costs for the signs range from \$30 to \$90 per sign, depending on size of sign.
- Will relocate the township dumpster to cut down on misuse of that as well.
- It has been noted that Academy Road is also an ongoing concern of illegal dumping. The township may put additional signage at this location, and offer rewards on this road as well.
- Property tax revenue has been decreased from budget projections. Copy of 2016 budget presented to board with activity to date on the revenues.
- Dave Hubbard is resigning as lieutenant and will continue as EMT and first responder.

5. Public Comment:

- James Palmer- County solid waste meeting that is approaching is open to the public, it is on August 17th 2016 at 5:00 PM.

6. Approval of Consent Agenda

6.1 Approval of Minutes

6.2 Reports

Police Department Reports

Fire and EMS Reports

6.3 Financial Reports

Budget Amendments, Treasurer Report, Approval Payment of Bills

Total Bills paid prior to board meeting \$16,606.74

Bills paid for board meeting \$ 15,077.12

Total Bills for Board Approval \$31,683.86

Total payroll, two last month \$43,437.46

Total Bills and Payroll \$75,121.32

7. Approval of Agenda

-Crittenden wanted to add item 9.2 Michigan Township for state and federal grants for highway construction.

Motion to add item 9.2 to the agenda. Crittenden/Brousseau M/C

-Township attorney David Laccase wanted to add closed session for brief update.

Motion to add item 11 to the agenda. Brousseau/ Hawkins M/C

Motion to approve agenda with changes added. Brousseau/ Crittenden. M/C

8. Old Business

8.1 Road Contract

Supervisor provided an updated 2016 road summary sheet for the board. Concern was noted that Sutton Road contract estimate (LCRC #2938) was incorrect and the estimate was revised to add \$3,604.53 in costs for sealcoating road. Discussion on if to proceed with Centennial Road estimate (LCRC #3199) for the amount of \$31,495.90. Since revenues for property taxes, and State revenue sharing have declined, Supervisor and Budget Committee will review overall 2016 budget. Goal is to protect police/fire vehicle appropriations capital outlay on these items.

9. New Business

9.1 Resolution- Police and Fire (Public Safety)

September 2015 a resolution was brought to the board to offer support for our police department, but the office never had a signed copy. The supervisor has reviewed the resolution, requested a few changes to include all public safety personnel, and is bringing the resolution back to the board to approve.

Motion to pass resolution that incorporates police and fire, and to also take to the local newspaper to show our support for our public safety. Hawkins/ Johnson

Roll Call Vote: Larry Crittenden- Yes, Kami Johnson-Yes, Debbie Brousseau-Yes, Thomas Hawkins-Yes, Dale Witt-Yes, Betty Holdridge-Yes. Absent Dale Mitchell. M/C

9.2 Michigan Township for State and Federal Grants for Highway Construction (Crittenden)

All tax payers in Michigan support grants and mileages that go to a county or road commission. Hoping that we could discuss this matter with MTA, and MTA could take to the legislature that townships should also qualify for the highway construction grants. Crittenden feels that all tax payers are getting

double taxed for the roads. Wants to contact the local MTA represented, to discuss his hope for the State and Federal grants for highway construction.

10. Closed Session

At 7:04 PM motion Hawkins/Brousseau to go into the closed session, to consult with the township attorney regarding strategy in connection with specific pending litigation. (MCL 15.268(e)).

Roll Call Vote: Debbie Brousseau-Yes, Thomas Hawkins-Yes, Larry Crittenden-Yes, Kami Johnson-Yes, Betty Holdridge-Yes, and Dale Witt-Yes. Absent: Dale Mitchell M/C

Moved into closed session at 7:07 pm, no votes on matters discussed in closed session occurred. Motion Brousseau/ Hawkins to move out of closed session at 7:27 PM.

11. Adjourn Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 by Supervisor Dale Witt.

Dale Witt, Supervisor

Betty Holdridge, Clerk