

# The Township of Norvell

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## **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2015, 6 P.M. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE NORVELL TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD IN THE NORVELL TOWNSHIP HALL, 106 E COMMERCIAL ST, NORVELL MI 49263**

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Johnson, Clerk Hagadorn, Treasurer Sauers, Trustee Smith and Trustee Johnson. The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for all those residents of the Township who have passed away since the last board meeting.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Trustee Johnson moved, Sauers supported, to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2015 regular meeting. Ayes all, motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

County Commissioner Phil Duckham told the Board that the County Commissioners should approve the contract between Norvell Township and the County Sheriff's Department at the commissioner's next meeting. The County has approved the purchasing of new cars for the Sheriff's department to replace aging cars. They are working on the next year's budget. They may have to start cutting some services due to a lack of revenues. May ask for funding from the voters for 911.

### **CONSENT AGENDA REPORTS**

All reports were accepted as presented.

### **OTHER REPORTS**

Treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Sauers.  
Clerk's report was given by Clerk Hagadorn.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **1. Law Enforcement Contract/Resolution 15-03**

Undersheriff Christopher A. Kuhl spoke to the board about the services the Sheriff's Department will provide. They will respond to noise complaints, traffic issues, domestic disturbances and any

other complaints. Undersheriff Kuhl told the board that an Officer will come to our board meetings and present their report. Trustee Johnson suggested that Attorney Conant looks at the contract. Supervisor Johnson moved, Hagadorn supported, to approve Resolution 15-03 a Resolution Approving a Law Enforcement Services Contract with Jackson County. Roll call vote: Hagadorn, yes, Sauers, yes, Trustee Johnson, yes, Trustee Smith, yes, Supervisor Johnson, yes. Ayes all. Motion carried.

## **2. Wamplers Lake Weed Control Consultant Contract**

Hagadorn moved, Trustee Johnson supported, to approve the contract with Restorative Lake Sciences, LLC. With correction of 30 days instead of 90 days and adding the sentence ; Further, any of the parties hereto may terminate this contract (insert 30 here) calendar days written notice to all other parties to the contract and the cost of the contract shall be paid from monies collected for the Wamplers Lake Weed Control Special Assessment. No General Fund monies are to be expended for any weed special assessment. Roll call vote: Sauers, yes, Trustee Johnson, yes, Trustee Smith, yes, Hagadorn, yes, Supervisor Johnson, yes. Ayes all. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Lot Combination #15-02, Obertacz, Shady Lane**

This will be a combination of three lots so the applicants can request the abandonment of part of an alleyway. Sauers moved, Trustee Johnson supported, to approve the lot combinations as presented. Ayes all. Motion carried.

### **2. Lot Combination #15-03, Sauers, Pink Street**

This is a lot split and a combination. Applicant would like to split 30 acres from the original 90 acre parcel and also combine a 1 acre corner parcel into the 30 acre split. Survey is needed for the newly created 30 acre parcel, not for the remaining parent parcel of 60 acres. Hagadorn moved, Trustee Johnson supported, to approve as presented, which will not be finalized until a final legal survey for the 30 acres has been submitted and approved by the Assessor in accordance with Section 8.12 C.5. Roll call vote: Trustee Johnson, yes, Trustee Smith, yes, Hagadorn, yes, Sauers, abstain, Supervisor Johnson, yes. *Ayes all. Motion carried.* Amended at March meeting to read 4 ayes and 1 abstain.

### **3. Lot Combination #15-04, Ryan, Norvell Beach Dr.**

Applicant purchased the old railroad bed which abuts his property and wishes to combine it to his existing property. Survey of the railroad bed has been submitted. Hagadorn moved, Trustee Johnson supported, to approve the combination as presented. Ayes All. Motion carried.

### **4. Board of Review Dates and Times**

This was presented for info only.

The dates are: Tuesday March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9: a. m. Organizational Meeting

Monday March 9<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Public Hearing with break for lunch

Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm Public Hearing with Break for dinner

### **5. Poverty Exemption Guide Lines**

Sauers moved, Hagadorn supported, to adopt the Norvell Township Poverty Exemption Guidelines and Assets Test as presented. Ayes all. Motion carried.

#### **6. Resolution- VLSD Rate Increase**

The increase is necessary to be able to repair and replace parts on the sewer system. The Township Board is not happy to have to do this. Trustee Johnson moved, Hagadorn supported, to approve Resolution 15-02 a resolution approving an increase for rates for the Vineyard Lake Sewer District. Roll call vote: Sauers, yes, Trustee Johnson, yes, Trustee Smith, yes, Hagadorn, yes, Supervisor Johnson, yes. Ayes all. Motion carried.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

A resident asked if Cambridge Township has approved the contract for the weed control. We do not know. Also will the company be okay with the change to 30 days. Supervisor Johnson said that he thought they will be.

A letter was received from property owners who wanted to complain about a property that they deem dilapidated and uninhabitable. A letter of response from our Zoning Officer was also presented. It is, at this time, not in violation of any Township Ordinances or Health Department rules.

#### **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Trustee Johnson moved, Hagadorn supported, to pay bills and payroll, (checks #'s 25670 through 25711) totaling \$224,988.55 and EFTPS withholdings for January (\$1868.24). Roll call vote: Trustee Smith, yes, Sauers, yes, Hagadorn, yes, Trustee Johnson, yes Supervisor Johnson, yes. Ayes all, motion carried.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the board, Smith moved, Hagadorn supported, to adjourn. Ayes all, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne M. Hagadorn, Clerk