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WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 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 and Trustee Johnson. Trustee Smith was absent due to illness. Jackson County Police Officer Jay Truchan was in attendance also. 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 April 8, 2015 regular meeting. Ayes all, motion carried.

Treasurer Sauers purposed that an item in the March minutes be discussed at this meeting because it was tabled at that meeting. It concerns what to do with the left over money from the previous Wamplers Lake Weed special assessment. The board decided to add this on the agenda as letter c under old business.

PUBLIC COMMENT

County Commissioner Duckham spoke about County budget issues and the possibility of a new hotel being built.

The new Village of Brooklyn was introduced by the Village President.

Memorial Day service and program was discussed. It will be held at 10 a.m. on Memorial Day at the Norvell Township Cemetery.

CONSENT AGENDA REPORTS

All reports were accepted as presented except the sewer report and the Sheriff's report.

Keith from the Village of Brooklyn gave the Sewer report.

Officer Truchan gave the police report.

OTHER REPORTS

Treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Sauers.

Clerk's report was given by Clerk Hagadorn.

The board discussed budget meetings. It was decided to have the first one on Wednesday May 20 at 1:00 p.m. Later in the meeting it was decided to change the time for the budget meeting to 1:15 so that a special meeting to decide on the resolution from the County on first right of refusal on foreclosed properties in the township could be held at 1:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Spring Maintenance

Trustee Johnson will look into getting prices to have the Township Hall power washed, the weeds sprayed and the removal of the mold in the basement. The ceiling in the outer office is hanging down so Building Inspector Smith will be consulted about how to fix this. Trustee Jonson will get back to the board with her findings.

2. Blaess – Permit Reconsideration

Mr. Blaess was present. He has decided to take the cottage that he was originally going to tear down and make a garage out of it. He would like the board to release him from the bond that he had to post in order to build a new house on a lot with an existing house. The board wants him to present plans to the Zoning Enforcer and the Building Official. If they agree that this can be done per Mr. Blaess plans. He will have to follow their instructions and pull permits. At that time the board will consider the release of the bond. He also stated that at this time he is double hooked into the sewer which is not allowed.

3. Wamplers Lake Weed District Funds

A work session will be planned to discuss this and decide what to do. Treasurer Sauers stated that since everyone paid everyone should get money back not just the back lotters. Supervisor Johnson stated that the lake consultant needs to know how much money she has to work with. Trustee Johnson suggested a refund to all.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution- Jackson County Right of first refusal

Trustee Johnson suggested that the next time we receive this list someone goes out and makes sure that the Township could not use the property. Tabled a decision on this until the special meeting on May 20th.

2. Planning Commission – Public Hearing Date for Master Plan- May 20, 2015

This was presented for information only. The public hearing will be May 20th. Region II has given its opinion. Trustee Johnson requested that PC minutes and ZBA minutes be included in the board packets.

3. JCDOT Road Treatment Contract

One treatment will cost \$7,775.38 and two treatments will cost \$13995.69. Sauers moved, Trustee Johnson supported, to approve the contract with JCDOT for two road treatments at a cost of \$13995.69. Roll call vote: Hagadorn, yes, Trustee Johnson, yes, Sauers, yes, Supervisor Johnson, yes, Ayes all. Motion carried.

4. Beech Road Culvert

It may be late June before the culvert is fixed. The DEQ has to issue a permit and then JCDOT will start work.

5. New State FOIA Law

Supervisor Johnson received a letter from our lawyer with suggestions as to how to implement the law. It was suggested to consult MTA to get a sample manual and tailor it to us.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A resident spoke about a meeting that she attended concerning invasive species and other concerns.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Hagadorn moved, Trustee Johnson supported, to pay bills and payroll, (checks #'s 25775 through 25834) totaling \$36,385.28; EFTPS withholdings for April (\$19555.35) and Michigan EFTPS for Jan(389.73) Feb(389.42) Mar (341.94) Apr (380.29). Roll call vote: Trustee Johnson, yes, Hagadorn, yes, Sauers, yes, Supervisor Johnson, yes. Ayes all, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, Hagadorn moved, Trustee Johnson supported, to adjourn. Ayes all, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7: 40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne M. Hagadorn, Clerk