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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH 2016, 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 Barnett, Treasurer Sauers and Trustee Johnson, Trustee Dame. 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 November 9th 2016 regular meeting. Ayes all, motion carried.

Sauers moved, Trustee Johnson supported to approve the minutes of the November 18th 2016 special meeting. Ayes all, motion carried.

Trustee Johnson moved, Sauers supported, to approve the minutes of the December 2nd 2016 special meeting. Ayes all, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Phil Duckham talked about buying body cameras for the police officers. He also talked about a grant they got, and the approval of buying new equipment.

CONSENT AGENDA REPORTS

All reports were accepted as presented.

Officer Truchan gave the police report.

Trustee Johnson gave the Planning Commission report.

OTHER REPORTS

Treasurer's report was given by Trustee Johnson.

Clerk's report was given by Deputy Clerk Hagadorn.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

-2015-2016 Annual Audit- Philip Rubley:

Mr. Rubley went over all the reports and charts for the 2015-2016 Audit.

-MTA Workshop- New Officials Training

To approve Mathew Dame going to the Jan 20th 2017 training, and to pay miles, meals and buying the new Red Book.

Trustee Johnson moved, Barnett supported to approve paying for any Township Official that wanted to go to the MTA training and or wanting a new Red Book: All Ayes Motion passed

-Tax Collection Agreements – Napoleon and Columbia Schools

Approved signing the agreements for Napoleon and Columbia and the ISD when it comes in the mail.

Sauers moved, Trustee Johnson supported: All Ayes Motion passed

-Office Closing and Holidays-

There was talk about how long the repairs were taking inside and out and the setback on the front steps/ramp, and the lost office key. The office will not be able to open on time and will not open again until January 4th 2017. There was also talk about paying the hourly staff the normal amount of hours they would have worked had the offices been open.

Trustee Johnson moved, Barnett supported to approve paying the hourly staff for the time they would have normally worked if the office hadn't been closed, from now thru January 2nd 2017.

All Ayes Motion passed

-Proposed Nuisance Ordinance – Public Hearing Request

Supervisor Johnson talked about a change to the ordinance that had been talked about at a meeting. This action is postponed until the next meeting.

Dame moved, Sauers supported. All Ayes Motion passed

-Additional Bids for Consideration

Deputy Clerk Hagadorn said she would check her notes to see if we can fix up the ballpark, and talked about what the money has been used for. The board will have to come back to the bid on the ballpark. There was also talk about the painting in the office and having it done while the building was already closed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Trustee Dame voiced his opinion on the website Norvell Township has now, and that he would like to make a whole new website. It would be \$80 for the first year and \$150 for each additional year. He also voiced his opinion on changing the board meeting times to 7pm and would like the board meeting packets on the Monday before the board meeting and having them all in digital format.

Clerk Barnett stated that the Clerks part of the packets most likely would not be done on the Monday before the meeting, due to the fact that not all the bills come in by then. She also stated that she would like the board meeting time to be sooner. 5:00/5:30PM.

A resident stated that sooner would be harder for her, she works pretty far away, and that later

would be better.

Another resident talked about the sewer pipe here at township hall that had cracked and that he enjoyed coming to the meetings at 6pm.

PAYMENT OF BILLS/PAYROLL

Trustee Johnson moved, Sauers supported, to pay bills/payroll, (checks #'s 26733 through 26790) totaling \$51,999.95. Roll call vote: Dame, yes, Barnett, yes, Trustee Johnson, yes, Sauers, yes, Supervisor Johnson, yes. Ayes all, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, Supervisor Johnson declared the meeting adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Barnett, Clerk