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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH, 2017, 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. 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.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Trustee Dame asked if the Public/Board comment could be separated. The Supervisor explained why it was done this way. Other Agenda's he has seen, has it this way.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Sauers moved, Trustee Johnson supported to approve the Agenda as is.
All Ayes motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sauers moved, Trustee Johnson supported, to approve the minutes of the January 11th 2017 regular meeting. Ayes all, motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The reporter from the Exponent reported that the paper had made the top 3 on a list of papers.

CONSENT AGENDA REPORTS

Supervisor Johnson made a comment on the Assessor's report. He stated that the notices have not gone out yet. He also listed the dates for the Board of Review. There was no Cambridge Fire Report, and Supervisor Johnson will look into why.

Officer Truchan gave the sheriff's Report

Trustee Johnson gave the Planning Commission report

OTHER REPORTS

The financial report was given by Treasurer Sauers.

Clerk Barnett gave the clerk's report.

Supervisor Johnson stated that the FlagStar bank renewed the CD.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

-Board Meeting Time

Trustee Dame listed a few other townships who have their board meetings at a later time. He would like us to try it for a while at 7pm. Clerk Barnett stated that the board meeting times is not for the convenience of the residents, but for that of the board members. Trustee Johnson brought up the fact that most of the time “the meat” of the meeting doesn’t start until about 6:30pm, and that meetings last long. Treasurer Sauers stated that she doesn’t want the time to change. Supervisor Johnson has talked to a few residents that stated to him, it didn’t matter what time the meeting was. If they wanted to come, they would find a way to make it. Supervisor Johnson would like to hear from the people first and this will be discussed at the February 15th 2017 meeting.

-Approved Vendor List

Supervisor talked about what a vendor list is, it being a list of every company we do business with. He stated that we can use the list he got from the Clerk’s computer program as a guide line. Having a vendor list will make it so that the residents can come into the township hall and see who we have done business with in the past. It would be beneficial in the sense that we wouldn’t have to take bids to get projects done. There will be more talk about this at the February 15th 2017 meeting.

-All American Home Builders Payment

Trustee Johnson motioned to pay the remaining amount due (\$850.00) to All American Home Builders

Sauers supported

Roll call vote Dame, Yes, Barnett, Yes, Trustee Johnson Yes, Sauers, Yes, Supervisor Yes

All Yes’ Motioned passed

NEW BUSINESS

-Resolution – Vineyard Lake Sewer District Rate Increases

Supervisor brought up the fact that this rate increase is to build back up the maintenance fund. There had been more maintenance cost than what they were expecting. The people have to pay for anything that may go wrong. The price will go from \$161 to \$180 April 1st 2017. It’s an increase that could be lowered back down again. In 2023 the final payment on the bond will be due. Trustee Dame made the comment that it was the first time he was seeing the paperwork and due to this fact he didn’t have enough time to make a decision on the matter. He was told that Columbia was supposed to have the paper work done and to the Supervisor before the meeting and they did not. That was the reason for it not being to the board beforehand.

Sauers motioned to approve the rate increase with the added lines that were missing.

Supervisor supported

Roll call vote

Dame, No, Barnett, Yes, Trustee Johnson, Yes, Sauers, Yes, Supervisor Johnson, Yes

One No, Four Yes’ motioned passed

-Approval of Board of Review Members – 2 year term

There will be one member becoming a full time member on the board. They will not be able to do the rotating part time members. One member will be moving to the alternate spot.

Trustee Johnson motioned to approve the members as presented by the Supervisor
Sauers supported
All Yes'

-Planning Commission Appointment – Charles “Buck” Alar

Supervisor recommends Buck to take over the remaining 3 year term. Trustee Dame asked how it was decided between the three candidates. The Supervisor is the one that chooses the board members

Trustee Johnson motioned, Clerk supported to appointed Buck to the Planning Commission. Sauers feels the Planning Commission does not represent the Township as a whole, that many of the members are from the “Lake” side of the township. Trustee Johnson stated that a few years back it was the other way around, and they couldn't get representatives from the “Lake” side. Trustee Dame said again he doesn't understand how to vote on something he hadn't seen beforehand.

Four Yes' One No Motion passed

-Poverty Guidelines and Asset Test for Board of Review

Supervisor stated that the guide lines come out every year and we adopt them and he stated how many residents got the poverty last year.

Trustee Johnson motioned to adopt the guide lines as presented with the rate increase.

Sauers supported

Trustee Dame once again brought up having the packets sooner

All Yes' motioned passed

-Resolution – Goose Removal for Wamplers Lake

There was discussion had on how the removal would work. That a company would come in and destroy the eggs and then remove the adult birds, and how the birds would then just come right back. They would need to get a permit in order to take care of the birds this way. Sauers brought up that there are other ways to make it so the birds do not want to nest on the land. That only some places in MI have the okay to destroy the eggs, and Jackson County is not on that list. The board decided it was not their place to make this decision.

-Lot Combination #17-01 2250 Collingwood Ct -Bailey

Sauers left to go check the tax bill payment on this lot. She reported that the winter bill (on the smaller lot) had not been paid yet, and wanted to make sure we had this info.

Trustee Johnson motioned to approve Lot Combination #17-01

Sauers supported

All Yes' motioned passed

- Lot Combination #17-02 Wamplers Heights Dr – Crescenzo

Sauers motioned to approve Lot Combination #17-02

Trustee Johnson supported

All Yes' motioned passed

PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT

A resident brought back up the fact of the Planning Commission being all on one side of the Township. Supervisor made a statement that maybe we could move members between the boards if they were willing. A resident asked about if hunting could be done on Wamplers Lake. There was a discussion about Goose Season for hunting. Supervisor hasn't heard about the County Board coming out to the township yet for the meeting on the Arnold Rd Park. A resident brought up the sewer rate increase. The Supervisor stated that we have to pay it no matter what. Sauers stated that FirstMerit Bank is being taken over by Hunting Bank, and that they will not be taking payments. She is looking into other banks to see if any will take the payments. Dame once again asked about having the packets sooner. That he understands the Clerk/Treasurer paperwork can not be done sooner. There was talk about why they can't be done ahead of time. Supervisor stated that we will need to think about how getting things ahead of time would work.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Trustee Johnson motioned, Barnett supported, to pay bills and payroll, (checks #'s 26833 through 26865) totaling \$31009.38. And EFTPS for January 2017 \$2890.27. Roll call vote: Dame, Yes, Barnett, Yes, Trustee Johnson, Yes, Sauers, Yes, Supervisor Johnson, Yes, Ayes all, motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, Sauers motioned, Dame supported, to adjourn. Ayes all, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Barnett, Clerk