

REGULAR LITTLEFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

June 7, 2016 TIME: 7:00 PM

Meeting called to order by Damien Henning, Supervisor. Present: Kim Shomin, Treasurer, Katie Derrohn, Trustee, Dean Morford, Trustee, and Sondra Festerling, Clerk. Guests: Kurt Hoffman, John McGuire, Theresa McGuire, Dan Plasencia, Art Drayton, Brian Drayton, Bill Shorter, & Mari Shorter.

Consent Agenda: #3 Minutes for Regular Meeting May 5, 2016, #5 Budget Adjustments-General Fund #101-959 Dues budget adjusted to \$2,100.00, #6 Approval of Bills: \$23,011.67, #10 Management Authority Report-report in packet, #11 Assessor's Report-None, #13 Sewer Authority Report-report in packet, #14 Library Board Report, and #17 Miscellaneous were all entered into the Consent Agenda and # 9 Blight Enforcement Report was removed from the Consent Agenda. **The Consent Agenda was declared Adopted as amended.**

Financial Report: K. Shomin reported: General Fund Checking \$185,340.05, Sewer Fund Checking \$63,294.99, Fire Fund \$58,407.43, Tax Account \$310.97, Cemetery Savings \$6,795.67, and Oden Light Savings \$6,781.94. Everything is turned into the County and the summer tax bills will be coming out soon.

Fire Board Report: The Fire Department received the \$4,000.00 Grant. Fourteen Firemen helped with the Township-Village Spring clean up this year in shifts. There were three people that were turned away since they were not residents within our township (Maple River & Pellston). There were 9 dump truck loads removed from the drop off compared to last year's 8. S. Festerling will proceed with the Township's Appropriation of the \$1,000.00 to the Crooked River Fire Fighters Association for their help in the clean up. The new Tahoe that we are purchasing from Bear Creek will be available sometime the end of July. The Fire Department will be helping with the parade this year and getting the ribbons etc. for the judged entries. D. Henning made the **Motion** to appropriate \$500.00 to the Crooked River Fire Fighters for the 4th of July Parade. Second by K. Shomin, Carried 5 Yes, 0 No.

Blight: K. Derrohn reported that the blighted blue tarp house located at 4721 Oden Rd between Paul & Mary Davison's house and Northwood Fish & Chips is more than half down and clean up appears to be underway. Letters were sent out to all the properties in the Oden area that need cleaning up. K. Derrohn checked with the Landbank and they do own the property between the bike path and the two lots that had the houses demolition by us last summer. The neighboring house to the Landbank property has their blight spilling out onto the Landbank property and it needs to be cleaned up. K. Derrohn tried to see if the Landbank would contact their neighbors to clean up the mess but they would rather have our blight officer contact their neighbors. D. Henning will have Mike Vargo send a letter.

Unfinished Business:

Admiral's Pointe Update: The Grant Packet was sent out Friday. The property description with the appropriate changes was sent along with a perimeter drawing, and the Resolution that was passed last month. We are now waiting for the State of Michigan to send it back. We have to get everything purchased before October 1st. in order for our Redevelopment Grant from the MDNR to be accepted. D. Henning said he filled out the forms to reflect that our closing on Admiral's Pointe would be on the reimbursement basis. The reimbursement of funds from the DNR would take 30 -45 days. Our current grant administrator has said that what they have appropriated to us for this project is all that we will get for the purchase so it would not be good to look for a second appraisal on the property because we would not be getting the cost back. Tim Murphy is working on the title insurance policy and doing the 40 year

title search on each individual piece of property as requested by the State of Michigan. The cost for doing this is a reimbursable cost, and until we get this step of the work done there is not going to be much to report.

Waterways Grant Agreement: We have received the Waterways Grant and were approved for \$371,000.00 of which they will reimburse the Township 50%. Part of this agreement is that we have to have ownership of the property before they will start paying. Damien Henning presented and made the **Motion to Approve** the Waterways Grant Agreement Resolution #6 of 2016 and a roll call vote was given with **Yes Vote:** Dean Morford, Katie Derrohn, Kim Shomin, Damien Henning, & Sondra Festerling. **No Vote:** None, **Abstain Vote:** None. **The Resolution was then Declared Adopted by Damien Henning.** A full copy of the signed resolution will be found in the Resolution book. D. Henning made a **Motion** that he be authorized to sign the Waterways Grant Agreement, Second by K. Derrohn, Carried 5 Yes, 0 No.

Oden Park: House removal/Demolition: The Land Bank proposed the possibility of taking the house we have for sale and placing it on the adjacent Land Bank property. They will be meeting again on the 23rd of the month and they will be discussing the findings and opinions of Martie from the Building Department. In talking with Martie, K. Derrohn found out that he feels that the house is probably not worth moving. He is afraid that if it were to be moved and placed out for bids that there could be a purchaser that won't bring the house back to where it should be and that it could become another problem for the township. The Land Bank could set standards that the house would be fixed up and maintained properly or they would take the property back. The township may still have to take the house down. K. Derrohn also got an estimated quote from Consumers for \$225.00 to move the electric from the house to the garage but this would be done at the same time that the house was moved. K. Derrohn also found out that the cost to place a light in the gazebo was estimated at \$2,319.00, and to replace the garage roof was estimated at \$2,500.00 because there is two layers of shingles currently with a persistent leaking problem that could require additional work on the sheeting. We may also want to look into placing metal roofing on the garage instead of shingles –something that would last a very long time. The new garden at the corner of Luce and US 31 is being supplied water from the Oden House and the mowing around the house will increase the lawn maintenance cost to \$90.00 every other week. K. Shomin made the **Motion** that the Township keeps the garage on the property and to get estimates on replacing the roof with different types of roof cover to include different types of metal roof. Second by K. Derrohn, Carried 5 Yes, 0 No.

Oden Dow Park will have the new rules and regulations sign put back up since it broke over the winter but the posts for the sign will be moved to the well area so a planter can be around it with plants/flowers.

New Business:

Ordinance Request: Jared Hammond, who lives out off of Banwell Rd on Biehl Rd, reached out through the Township Website to ask about establishing ordinances to restrict burning of household waste and also to restrict the discharge of weapons within 450' of another dwelling without the permission of the property owners within the zone. Mr. Hammond states that nobody wants to live in a community that neighbor's burn trash where you can't enjoy the fresh air or that the noise coming from the discharge of weapons doesn't allow for children to go to bed, or the quiet enjoyment of one's own property with an afternoon on the deck or a relaxing BBQ. Mr. Hammond said he would volunteer to enforce any ordinances that were to be drafted with the cooperation of law enforcement. In discussing this request, the Township realizes Mr. Hammond's concerns but there is always a cost associated to enforcement of ordinances that would require law enforcement to uphold. It would not be safe for anyone other than the police to approach a property owner who is using their guns on their own property. It was also stated that the townships do not have the ability to enact the ordinances he has asked for because there is no authorizing legislation that would support it. Currently the Health department would be the one to contact when it comes to the burning of household waste since it is illegal (State Law). The Township does not

have a noise ordinance however a call to 911 could be made when it comes to the noise of firearm discharge and could prompt a visit to the property from the Sheriff. D. Henning will run this request past our legal counsel for additional input before responding to Mr. Hammond.

Public Comment: There is going to be kayak time trials for international racing starting this Saturday at 8AM from Camp Petosega – more information can be found in the PCLA newsletter. The Mackinaw EMS Building dedication will be from 12-5PM on June 21st.

Regular Meeting was then Moved to Adjourn at 8:06PM.

Sondra Festerling Clerk