

# REGULAR LITTLEFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

**August 2, 2016 TIME: 7:00 PM**

Meeting called to order at the Alanson Littlefield Fire Hall by Damien Henning, Supervisor. Present: Kim Shomin, Treasurer, Katie Derrohn, Trustee, Dean Morford, Trustee, and Sondra Festerling, Clerk. Guests: Dudley Marvin, Brian Drayton, Art Drayton, Art Fischer, Matt Claucherty, Theresa McGuire & John McGuire.

**Consent Agenda:** #3 Minutes –Regular Meeting 7-5-16, #5 Budget Adjustments- None, #6 Approval of Bills: \$21,560.16, #9 Blight Enforcement- None, #10 Management Authority Report-report in packet, #11 Assessor's Report-None, #12 Planning & Zoning-None, #13 Sewer Authority Report-report in packet, and #14 Library Board Report-None. **The Consent Agenda was declared Adopted.**

**Financial Report:** K. Shomin reported: General Fund Checking \$103,630.88, Sewer Fund Checking \$102,789.08, Fire Fund \$57,435.66, Tax Account \$95,205.33, Cemetery Savings \$6,996.52, and Oden Light Savings \$5,257.24.

**Fire Board Report:** Art Drayton asked for the Township Boards permission to add Kellon Shorter as a new member to the volunteer firefighter staff and possibly in the future to the EMS. The Fire Board has already approved. Kellon will need to go through classes. S. Festerling made the **Motion** to accept Kellon Shorter to the Fire Department. Second by K. Shomin, Carried 5 Yes, 0 No.

Art contacted Korthase Flynn to remove the Jeep from our insurance since it is now sold. When we get the Tahoe from Bear Creek we can call and add it to the insurance.

The Fire Department received \$4,000.00 from the Revenue Sharing Board for the thermal imaging camera. The camera costs \$8,900.00. D. Henning made the **Motion** to move \$4,000.00 from the Township's Fire Department Appropriation account in the General Fund to the Fire Board for the purchase of the camera. Second by K. Shomin, Carried 5 Yes, 0 No. The remaining balance of \$900.00 will come out of the Fire Department's Equipment fund.

D. Henning made the **Motion** to move \$13,000.00 from the Township's General Fund-Fire Department Appropriation to the Fire Departments Checking or Savings fund upon D. Henning's request for the new Chevy Tahoe along with the \$4,156.00 for the sale of the Jeep. Second by K. Shomin, Carried 5 Yes, 0 No. The remaining cost of the Tahoe will come from the Fire Boards funds.

## **Unfinished Business:**

**Pickerel Crooked Lake Association-Aquatic Plant Survey:** Dudley Marvin from PCLA & Matt Claucherty from Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council came before the board to go over their findings. The good news from them is that what they did find in invasive plant species is manageable. The complete report can be found at [www.pickerel-crookedlakes.org](http://www.pickerel-crookedlakes.org). This study started back in 2014 and at that time PCLA was concerned about the invasive species that had already been found on Little Traverse Bay & Paradise Lake. Crooked and Pickerel Lakes had already seen some pond weed and a few other species in a few locations. There was however major concern on whether or not there was Asian Milfoil. The Asian Milfoil was found on Paradise Lake which was the reasoning to go forward with a new study on Pickerel & Crooked. In 2014 all the surrounding townships and the Village of Alanson were approached to cost share for this study. Everyone approved and appropriated money for their 1/7 share of the study. The study

took 2 summer seasons because it takes that long to show new growth. The project came in under budget due to PCLA doing the input of the findings. There were over 400 survey points around the lakes and up the Crooked River to the point of the Crooked River Lodge. Each point got three tosses of a rake collecting samples to be analyzed. Everything that was found in the study is extremely manageable. The findings were not found in large amounts and what was found was curly-leaf pondweed on Crooked Lake and Eurasian watermilfoil and curly-leaf pondweed on the Crooked River. What makes these invasive species raise concern is that they will outgrow our local vegetation and have the potential to completely clog up the waterways. There are herbicide treatments that can be done to help eradicate the problems along with special mats that can snuff out the problem. The Township Board did ask if it would be possible to continue the study up the river past the Crooked River Lodge to our township line. One concern is the new Admirals Pointe Development that will create increased boat traffic. Matt said he would try to get a team out to the area that was not already covered along the river and do a less formal scanning to see if anything is found and will let us know.

**Admiral's Pointe Update:** Our Response Activity Plan for our environmental I and II has been approved by the DEQ. Our title work has been done and is being reviewed by the State. In order to maintain our waterways agreement we need to get possession/ownership of the property by mid-September. Once the State approves the title work that has been done then we can move forward with the purchase agreement. We will have to engage a firm that will do a search on the mineral rights and a certain percentage of the rights will have to be deeded over to the State. We will also have to update our 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2015 appraisal. This update can be done simply by a letter from the original appraiser stating that the market has not or has changed.

**Oden Parks:** Things are looking good in Oden and the garage roof has been completed and is also looking good. There has been the clean-up of the debris and raked smooth on the corner lot and the other property. With all the improvements going on in the parks, more and more homeowners are starting to take better care of their own property- which is a huge plus! Peggy's Gardening donated time on cleaning up and planting flowers in the little garden around the well area at Oden Dow park. Everything continues to look nicer and nicer at all of our park locations.

**Clerks Agenda:** The Election is currently underway at the Township Hall and seems to be going smoothly other than the number of voters are not as great in years past. The number of voters as of 6:45PM was 420.

The Township audit will be starting tomorrow morning at 9AM. The auditors will most likely be at the hall through Friday maybe longer. I will let everyone know when their records can be picked back up.

**Public Comment:** A question was asked about the pictures that were in the Township Newsletter for the Admirals Pointe/Hay Lake development in regards to the bike path. D. Henning did state that the drawings in the newsletter is for showing the concept of what we are trying to do but it doesn't mean that it was the final design. When we get closer to the final design there will be posted meetings for input of the homeowners in the area and anyone else who would like to comment.

**Regular Meeting was then Moved to Adjourn at 7:50PM.**

Sondra Festerling Clerk