

REGULAR LITTLEFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

DATE: March 4, 2014 TIME: 7:00 PM

Meeting called to order by Clerk Sondra Festerling. Present: Dean Morford, Trustee, Kim Shomin, Treasurer, and Sondra Festerling, Clerk. Absent: Katie Derrohn, Trustee and Damien Henning, Supervisor. Guest: Art Drayton, Dan Plasencia, Lynn Frazee, Sharon Armock & Rachel Armock. Meeting was turned over to Dean Morford to run.

Minutes of Regular Meeting February 4, 2014 were presented. K. Shomin **Moved** to approve minutes as presented. Second by D. Morford, Carried 3 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent.

Financial Report: K. Shomin reported: General Fund Checking \$49,517.95, Sewer Fund Checking \$95,885.70, Fire Fund \$34,524.36, Tax Account \$235,016.24, Cemetery Savings \$6,338.36, Oden Light Savings \$3,739.65. Kim reported that she is no longer taking tax payments and is in the process of closing the tax books for 2013/14 tax year.

D. Morford **Moved** to approve bills for \$10,491.88. Second by S. Festerling, Carried 3 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent.

Fire Board Report: Art reported that an alternator went out in one of the trucks along with another truck needs new tires. The department is looking for a business that will do the tires for such a big truck. Art has been going thru the Fire Knox Box Ordinance and will report back to the board next month on his comments. Art also reported that Avis Granger has given her letter to retire from doing the Fire Departments accounting and secretarial work. She will continue until May 1, 2013 but would stay longer to train a new person as long as we have someone to take over by May 1st. The Township board will start looking for someone to replace Avis.

LAMA: The financial report and minutes were received from the February 27, 2014 meeting. Dan & Gary have been keeping up the Hall in Jim's absence. The financials are ready for the Auditor and will be turned in within the next week or two.

Dan also reported that the Revenue Sharing requests are due by May 14, 2014 so if we have anything we will want to get in the grant application.

Sewer Authority: Dean reported that all the rain we received the other day exceeded the flow for 1 day at the Authority. The Depot in Alanson had sewer problems that will be a costly fix to them. There was over 200 ft of frozen grease in the pipes that had to be taken care of for the sewer lines to work properly. The Depot had to be closed for three days while they were trying to clear up the sewer lines.

Library: The Library report was received.

Unfinished Business:

Eagle Beach: Dean did talk with Doug at Gosling Czubak and gave him the Business contact information for Matt's Underground Utility Construction Company. He also voiced our Township concerns about the considerable deference in costs for the upgrade of what the rough initial estimate and the estimate that was received from Elmer's. Dean did voice his opinion on our behalf of wanting Matt's Underground Utility Construction Company being able to submit a bid since they were the ones who were out there last year when they had a problem. Ken Miller also called Dean today to get an update of what has been going on and what the next steps are to be. We are still up

in the air until we get another quote and hopefully it is from Matt's Underground Utility Construction Company. Lynn said she saw something that may suggest that there is a possibility of a water well located at the Banwell Sewer Station. Dean was going to look into it.

2014 Budget Meeting: S. Festerling made the **Motion** to hold the annual public hearing and budget meeting on March 25, 2014 at 5:00PM and that **the property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be subject of this hearing.** The Township Board will also be discussing the township salaries for the 2014 – 2015 budget year and any other business to come before the board. Second by K. Shomin, Carried 3 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent. S. Festerling will post the meeting.

New Business:

-Lynx Network –Metro Act Application: The application is in the Township Attorneys hands to look over before it is to get signed or accepted. Damien Henning would like the Township Boards approval to be able to approve and sign the application upon council's approval since the material is time sensitive. D. Morford made a **Motion** to have Damien Henning consult with Township Attorney on the Lynx Network –Metro Act Application and to give Damien the authority to sign the approval after our attorney has gone over and approves it. Second by K. Shomin, Carried 3 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent. Upon approval from Damien there will be a check that we will deposit into our account.

-Letter of Support – Petosega Dock: Dan Plasencia presented an email requesting a letter of support for a grant that the county is applying for. The grant would be for purchasing a dock for Camp Petosega that would be used for fishing etc. that would be alongside the launch being built by the IWRHS. D. Morford made the **Motion** to send a letter of support to Emmet County Attn: Laurie Gaetano for a seasonal dock that would be used alongside the new launch being built at Camp Petosega. Second by K. Shomin, Carried 3 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent. S. Festerling will send the letter of support out to Laurie at Emmet County 200 Division, Petoskey.

Clerks Agenda: The Special Election had a total of 112 Voters who turned out to vote on Alanson Schools two millages. Alanson Schools will be billed for the cost of this election. Most of the voters came in the afternoon and stated they didn't know there was an election until they heard it on the news. There will be another Special Election in May 6, 2014 for Char-Em.

We have received a notice of authorization from the DEQ that was given to Ward & Sandra Bollinger for the expansion of an existing driveway and turnaround area.

A Notice of Violation was also received from the DEQ that was sent to Mr. & Mrs. Carswell for their property located at Lakeview Rd., Petoskey, Littlefield Township. They will have to remove all unauthorized structures and fill. The fill will need to be hauled to an upland/non wetland location off site and restore the wetland to its original grade with exposed soils and then stabilized by placing seed and mulch. This work needs to be completed by May 31, 2014.

Regular Meeting was then **Moved** to adjourn,

Sondra Festerling Clerk