

Regular Meeting of the Lovells Township Board

January 14, 2020

PRESENT: Ann C. Duby, Cheryl Hopp, Cynthia Infante-Inman, Heather Lovell, and Gary A. Neumann.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Dave Lovell, Denny Inman, Sherry Powers, Sally Brand, Frank Lohr, Ron Tallieu, Cameron Jones, Larry Warner, Glenn & Nicki Omori, Jo Johnson, Gary & Marcia Boyd, William Hollingsworth, Neal Godby (MDNR), Richard & Lillian Perry, Carol Brand, Tom & Marcy McKinney, Bob Baird, Bill Kamp, Eric Bankhead, Dave Long, Randy Long, Greg Amburgey, John & Leslie Porteous, Nathan J. Baker, Judy L. Fuller, Ron & Becki Jacobs, Boyd Dillon, Kathy Stuby, Virginia Reichenbach, and Clay Inman.

Supervisor Neumann called the Board Meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

10:02 AM-Neumann moved, Lovell supported a motion to recess the Regular Meeting of the Board in order to hold a Community Meeting regarding the river access site at the Co. Rd. 612 Bridge in Lovells. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Neumann briefed on the handout provided. 81 percent of the taxpayers who responded to our survey were in favor of the access site. Board answered questions on: Transporter System, Site Plan, Other Access Sites on the North Branch, Approval Process, Environmental Impact, downstream/increased usage concerns and Liability Insurance. Neumann made PowerPoint Presentation as delivered during the Grant Application Process. Board answered questions on: Quality of Fishing, Neal Godby MDNR stated that this is an improvement on an existing use, not a new use and that the three levels of permitting required would address environmental impact issues and Board would address any red flags as they appear.

11:25 AM-Board ended Community Meeting, Board thanked community for attending and a short break was taken. Most residents left.

11:38 AM-Neumann moved, Infante-Inman supported a motion to return to the recessed Regular Meeting of the Board. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Neumann requested Board permission to add two new business items to the Agenda. Board agreed.

Neumann moved, Hopp supported a motion to accept the minutes of the December 10, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Board as presented. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Neumann moved, Lovell supported a motion to approve pre-paid vouchers dated December 11, 2019 through January 9, 2020 as presented: General Fund totaling \$12,519.46; Direct Deposit Checks totaling \$5,185.14; Fire Fund totaling \$4,381.31; Landfill Fund totaling \$3,747.90, and Liquor Fund totaling \$9.88. In a roll call vote: All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report: No Report.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Assessing – Neumann reported that the Board of Review will attend Training in Gaylord on 2/4/20; They will conduct their Organizational Meeting on 3/3/20 at 3 PM in the Township Hall, Will meet with taxpayers in the Hall from 3 PM-9 PM on Wed., 3/11/20 and from 9 AM-3 PM on Thurs., 3/12/20.

Fire Department – Infante-Inman briefed on Chief Lewicki's written report; Total of seven runs in December (two Fire/five EMS); Total 2019: 73 runs (21 fire/52 EMS); Will be meeting with CSI tomorrow for the outfitting of a Suburban; Also, will be meeting with Feeny Ford in Grayling to get pricing on an Expedition.

Cemetery Sexton- No report.

Liquor Inspector- Infante-Inman reported received and on file.

Zoning Administrator – No written report; However, Neumann briefed Board on Clerk's email to Dale Gauthier, Jr. regarding the food truck use at Caid's Country Store; Dale responded that the use is a permitted use, therefore, a Special Use Permit is not necessary.

Zoning Enforcement Officer – Neumann reported-no open cases.

COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS:

Board of Review – As reported under Assessing Dept.

Historical Society – Lovell reported that they met yesterday and are working on their new display; Beaver, Beer, and Banjo has changed their venue from the Tavern to the Township Grounds, Requesting snowplowing of pathway to the Museums in case of fire; Infante-Inman to follow-up with Mullins regarding snowplowing.

Lovells Media and Reading Center – Hopp reported, receiving book donations regularly; Copies already on the shelves will be sold at annual Bridge Walk; All is well.

Lovells Township Planning Commission – Denny Inman reported that they conducted their Organizational Meeting last night; Officers remain the same for another year; Set dates for 2020 meetings; The Special Use Permit Application tabled last month for a Home Occupation use of Auto Repairs was approved with conditions.

Crawford County Planning Commission – Inman reported that they will meet in February.

Zoning Board of Appeals – Neumann reported that they will be hearing a case on an application for a dimensional variance within the Green Belt zone (North Branch Dr.).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Landfill Fund reauthorization of Special Assessment District to be decisioned at March Board Meeting.
2. Heather Lovell's Hourly Wages Report to be discussed at February's Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Board discussed the River Access Site Grant. Neumann moved, Hopp supported a motion to accept the grant and exercise due diligence as to the items discussed in the Community Meeting earlier in the day; In a roll call vote: All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.
2. Neumann moved, Lovell supported reappointment of Inman to the Planning Commission with his term expiring 12/12/22. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.
3. Board discussed closing procedures due to weather at the Transfer Stations; Board to decision at February Board Meeting.
4. Neumann moved, Hopp supported a motion decreasing the reimbursable Township Mileage from .58 cents/mile to .57.5 cents/mile effective 1/1/20 as per the IRS standard which we follow as policy. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: Neumann distributed draft copies of our proposed FY 2010-21 General & Liquor Fund Budgets; Board discussed Hall Cleaning; Infante-Inman to follow-up with Heide Miller; Infante-Inman briefed on Township Hall floor refinishing; Board discussed ORV Surveys-to decision at February Board Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

12:16 AM -Neumann opened public comment; Dave Lovell congratulated Board on exercising due diligence with regards to the River Access Site; Randy Long agreed; Long brought up snow and ice on sidewalk.

12:26 AM -Neumann closed Public Comment and moved to adjourn, Lovell supported. All Ayes.
MOTION CARRIED.

Next Regular Meeting of the Board will be Tuesday, February 11, 2020, 10 AM at the Town Hall.

Cynthia Infante-Inman

Lovells Township Clerk