

Regular Meeting of the Lovells Township Board

May 16, 2017

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Jim Shiflett, Chief Lewicki, Denny Inman, and Randy Long

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

Neumann requested the addition of a New Business Item #7 with subject-Bill Ross Memorial. No objections.

Neumann moved, Hopp supported a motion to accept the minutes of the April 5, 2017 Special Meeting of the Board. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Neumann moved, Lovell supported a motion accept the minutes of the April 11, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Board. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Neumann moved, Hopp supported a motion to approve pre-paid vouchers dated April 11, 2017 through May 10, 2017 as presented: General Fund totaling \$12,640.33; Direct Deposit Checks totaling \$5,333.24; Fire Fund totaling \$7,714.57; Landfill Fund totaling \$6,481.11; and Liquor Fund totaling \$155.46. In a roll call vote: All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report received and accepted as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE: Crawford County Sheriff's Office Letter RE: Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony; Charles & Marilyn Fick with a donation in honor of the late Fred Schaibly; Young, Graham, & Wendling Memo RE: Hourly rate for legal services.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Assessing – Neumann stated 20% parcel audit will begin soon.

Fire Department – Chief Lewicki reported five total runs in April (two-Fire/three EMS); Gas Monitor purchased with Bridgewalk Funds; Chief briefed on two overhead door proposals.

Infante-Inman moved, Neumann supported a motion to accept the bid totaling \$9,590.00 from JM Door as recommended by Chief Lewicki. In a roll call vote: All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Chief briefed the Board on need for new picnic tables.

Liquor Inspector – Infante-Inman received the report and it is on file.

Zoning Administrator – Infante-Inman briefed on Gauthier's written report (one permit issued; one letter regarding Pender Drive violation); Neumann briefed Board on violation.

Zoning Enforcement Officer – Heather Lovell reported that zoning postcards approved last month were mailed.

COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS:

Board of Review – Neumann stated that we will know next month if a July BOR meeting will be necessary.

Historical Society – Heather Lovell reported that Chase Lohr has been hired as new Docent for both Fridays and Saturdays; Trout Opener/Art Neumann Memorial Dedication was a huge success with over 200 people in attendance and approximately \$3000.00 raised; Annual Beaver, Beer & Banjo will be held July 22nd.

Lovells Media and Reading Center – Hopp reported that they have a new volunteer.

Lovells Township Planning Commission – Inman reported PC request for approval of two Zoning Amendments will be covered as new business.

Crawford County Planning Commission – No report.

Zoning Board of Appeals – No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Newsletter articles are due to Heather Lovell no later than 6/1/17.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Board discussed Planning Commission's request for approval regarding two Zoning Ordinance Amendments as presented by Inman: Section 8.03.F (indoor and outdoor commercial storage), Section 2.02 (trailer definition), and Section 3.09A (trailer storage).
Infante-Inman moved, Neumann supported a motion to adopt the two Zoning Ordinance Amendments as presented. In a roll call vote: All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.
Lovell commended Inman on a job well done. Infante-Inman to publish in newspaper with amendments becoming effective eight days after publication. Neumann to author synopsis of both amendments for publication.
2. Neumann moved, Hopp supported a motion to accept the new Transfer Station Attendant Sub List as presented by Infante-Inman. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.
3. Board agreed to place old "Welcome to Lovells" signs in silent auction at this year's Bridgewalk.
4. Neumann briefed on recent Bamboo Bend Project held at Town Hall.
Neumann moved, Infante-Inman supported a motion to host the event again next year at a 50% price reduction on the Hall Rental fees. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.
5. Warbler's Fireworks –tabled until next Board Meeting.
6. Neumann moved, Lovell supported a motion to donate \$400.00 to Bridgewalk Committee again this year for paper goods at the event as a way to promote the recreational advantages of the township. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.
7. Board agreed that a memorial bench on the grounds, in honor of the late Bill Ross as requested by the North Branch of the Au Sable Area Foundation, would be appropriate.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: Upcoming "Household Hazardous Waste Collection" flyer to include Tire Collection; Newspaper article on proposed MI Senate Bill 329 regarding short term rentals; Neumann thanked all those involved in making recent Trout Opener/Memorial Dedication a huge success; Installation of new exterior doors to begin today.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

11:04 AM-Neumann opened public comment period.

Long suggested dedicating the Pavilion to Schaibly; Shiflett briefed on a Community Forum regarding Commercial Fish Farm at the old DNR Hatchery in Grayling to be held on May 31st at 7 PM.

11:08 AM-Neumann closed public comment period.

11:08 AM Neumann moved, Hopp supported a motion to adjourn. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Next Regular Meeting of the Board will be Tuesday, June 13, 2017, 10 AM at the Town Hall.

Cynthia Infante-Inman

Lovells Township Clerk

