

**Regular Meeting of the Lovells Township Board**

**October 11, 2016**

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

**ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** James Camiller, Bill Gibas, Randy Long, Denny Inman, Lynne L. Smith, Jim Shiflett, and Assessor Jamie Houserman.

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

Report by our CPA, James Camillier, regarding our recently completed audit of the township.

Neumann moved, Lovell supported a motion to accept the minutes of the September 13, 2016 Regular Meeting of the Board and Budget Public Hearing as presented. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Neumann moved, Lovell supported a motion to approve pre-paid vouchers dated September 14, 2016 through October 11, 2016 as presented: General Fund totaling \$8,440.83; Direct Deposit Checks totaling \$5,619.06; Fire Fund totaling \$2,891.70; Landfill Fund totaling \$2,478.58; and Liquor Fund totaling \$9.40. In a roll call vote: All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report received and accepted as presented.

Clerk's Quarterly Profit & Loss Report received and accepted as presented.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Assessing** – Neumann briefed on Hicks' Tax Tribunal Final Opinion & Judgment; Upcoming fieldwork will focus on Building Permits.

**Fire Department** – Infante read Chief Lewicki 's written report; Dept. had four runs in September (zero fire/four medical); #330 International Tanker has been repaired and returned to service; International covered the towing and parts; Lovells Township will cover labor at \$1,177.58; Infante reported on Bridgewalk Profits (Gross Income \$7,681.00/Net Profit \$5,360.14 split between the Bridgewalk Lunch Committee and the Fire Department).

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

**Zoning Administrator** – Infante stated that Gauthier's written report cited one Zoning Permit was issued with no Zoning Matters to report.

**Zoning Enforcement Officer** – ~~Following up on one case.~~

**COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS:**

**Board of Review** – Will meet December 13, 2016 at 3 PM for PRE Errors & Omissions.

**Historical Society** – Heather Lovell reported that the museums are closed for the season; Curator's position has been terminated due to grant loss; Next season museums will be open two days a week and HS will be looking for a part-time docent.

**Lovells Media and Reading Center** – Judy Jewell resigned from their Board; Infante to ask Noreen Monte to fill vacancy.

**Lovells Township Planning Commission** – Chair Inman reported no new business at their regular quarterly meeting held Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Crawford County Planning Commission** – Inman reported that the new KCC Campus (4 Mile Road) is open and they received a grant for student housing; New lumber factory is still moving forward, but may be delayed up to six months.

**Zoning Board of Appeals** – Will meet today at 2 PM for their semi-annual meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Neumann gave status report on the structures placed in the North Branch at the Hueter property.
2. Neumann moved, Hopp supported a motion to accept the two-year Propane Agreement from Fick & Sons with current season capped at \$1.099/gallon and capped at ~~\$1.199/gallon~~ for the 2017-18 season. In a roll call vote: All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.
3. Neumann briefed on the cross and bench complaint letter.
4. Neumann briefed on the Kengel Trail dog kennel operation.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Neumann moved, Hopp supported a motion to accept the Dematio Asphalt Sealcoating bid for \$3,630. In a roll call vote: All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.
2. Board agreed to Thanksgiving holiday hours (closing noon on Wed.) and to normal operating hours for Christmas and New Year's.
3. Board discussed Winter Newsletter Topics; Lovell needs articles no later than Nov. 1, 2016.
4. Neumann briefed on missing "Welcome to Lovells" signs. Board agreed to replace.
5. Neumann briefed on his point paper regarding Section 8.03.F of the Lovells Township Zoning Ordinance; Specifically the "intended meaning" of this section at the time of its adoption; There was general consensus amongst Board Members regarding need for clarity in the subject section; Also, Board agreed that the development of the subject clarity enhancement should start with the Planning Commission.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:** MTA "On the Road", 10/17/16 for Board Members, please meet 8 AM at the township hall to carpool to conference; Handout regarding Governor Snyder signed into law the medical marijuana reform bills that were discussed at our Sept. 2016 meeting; Handout on signed Legislation expanding ORV use in Lower Peninsula

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

11:54 AM-Neumann opened public comment period.

Lynne Smith commented on Fire Dept. Policies & Procedures; Randy Long commented on Zoning Ordinance.

12:04 PM-Neumann closed public comment period.

12:04 PM Neumann moved, Lovell supported a motion to adjourn. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Next Regular Meeting of the Board will be Thursday, November 10, 2016, 10 AM at the Town Hall. Note meeting day change due to General Election on Tuesday.

Cynthia Infante

Lovells Township Clerk