

REYNOLDS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 14, 2015

Supervisor Fisk called the regular Meeting of the Board to order at 7:00 pm., Pledge of Allegiance was given. Pastor Gary Giddings of Church of the Full Gospel, Sand Lake, MI, gave the invocation.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Fisk, Clerk Sholty, Treasurer Stevens, Trustee Kindel and Trustee Smith.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Resident wanted to thank Pastor Jorge for his involvement with National Day of Prayer and its success. Commissioner Baker asked if Village of Howard City residents can take advantage of another day of cleanup with the Reynolds Township Cleanup day. Supervisor Fisk responded: yes. Marlene Brethauer thanked Supervisor Dan Fisk for all his hard work he has done on behalf of the residents concerning the Kass property cleanup. (Applause!)

CONSENT AGENDA: Planning Commission member Robert Richards stated meeting was canceled due to member attendance. Motion: Accept Library's final budget amendment as part of consent agenda. Motion by Sholty, 2nd by Stevens, Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, motion carried. Motion: Approve consent agenda consisting of April 9, 2015 regular Meeting of the Board, Police Report, Fire Report, Zoning Report, Planning Commission Report, Treasurer's Report, Library Report, Township's monthly bills and Library final budget amendment. Motion by Sholty, 2nd by Smith, Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion: Approve Metro Act Permit for LYNX Network Group. Motion by Sholty, 2nd by Smith, Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, motion carried. Road Advisory Member, Rick Eversole, presented Road Advisory Committee's recommendations for 2015 road projects. Wedge & seal Almy from W. Countyline to Daggett, 4 applications of chloride on local roads; Overband crack seal to be determined by Road Commission and Reynolds Twp; Gravel resurface with drainage corrections Lake Montcalm from Whitefish west .5 miles (split project with Pierson); Gravel resurface Lake Montcalm from Reed east to twp. line (split project with Pierson); Place a 250# bituminous mat on Whitefish at M-82 .04 miles; Seal coat w/fog seal Daggett from M-82 to Gates; Seal coat w/fog seal Maple Hill from Dewey to Almy; Seal coat w/fog seal Church from Amy School to Maple Hill; Replace culvert on Almy east of Federal; Pave intersection at Amy School & Gates; Balance of money in road budget fund approx. \$8500, should be used for more crack seal or to paint road lines. From 2013 budget \$6,280 will be used. Road Advisory recommends using up to \$100,000 from stabilization fund to repave Almy from culvert east of Federal to Winfield Twp. line. Motion: Accept Road Advisory's recommendations for 2015 twp. road improvement projects with the exception of using stabilization funds for roads to allow for monies (if needed) on Kass Property cleanup. Motion by Sholty, 2nd by Stevens, Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, motion carried. Montcalm County Treasurer settled the \$5,292.21 lien twp. placed on MNS Quick Stop property for building demolition. Supervisor Fisk - Kass Property Cleanup Update: 4/18 Supervisor Fisk sent letter to board members so as not to delay cleanup. His recommendations: 1) Have Glen Hackbardt survey property so not to trespass on non-associated property. 2) Appoint Cleanup Coordinator. 3) Cleanup coordinator in charge of numerous contacts and recommendations (under supervisor direction) for disposal of material. 4) May 4, (invitation only, no general public) property walk-through for inventory &

assessment. 5) To help fund project, sell the 3.17 acres twp. owns in industrial park (acquired by similar cleanup process.) 6) Project hopefully completed by fall, fence taken down and property graded. 7) Day to day decisions will be made. Let me know of any recommendations/concerns/questions. Mr. Kass was sent letter informing him of noncompliance and walk-through. Meeting on property 5/4 with local contractors, Village President & Fire Chief, Randy Heckman, Trustee Smith, Rick Eversole and Supervisor Fisk -- the site was very overwhelming; large piles of unknown debris, unlabeled barrels, containers, unidentifiable material, and just a complete lack of regard for our environment. 5/4 Supervisor Fisk contacted Montcalm Co. Drain Commissioner, Sandy Raines due to the close relationship of the debris to the Indian Creek Drain (which runs behind property) who inspected the parcel with supervisor Fisk on 5/5, and in turn contacted DEQ for on-site inspection. Property is currently quarantined. Supervisor Fisk sent No Trespass No Entry notice to Mr. Kass. "Free Wood" sign will be removed and property secured. Another lawsuit started on cleanup of other property Mr. Kass owns adjacent. At this time, Supervisor Fisk is waiting to hear from DEQ. Supervisor Fisk will continue to work diligently and explore every possibility to get outside help and funding for the cleanup. Supervisor Fisk "it is shameful that the tax payers will be left to foot the bill for this industrial waste cleanup." Fire Chief, Randy Heckman who was on walk-through described it as "disastrous and contacted USDA for any help so as not to be a burden to taxpayers. Estimated one-million dollar cleanup. Supervisor Fisk recommended Rick Eversole be appointed as Cleanup Coordinator. Motion: Appoint Rick Eversole as Cleanup Coordinator for a term of 1 yr.; to be considered a part-time employee at the rate of \$15.00 hr. plus mileage if necessary. Motion by Stevens, 2nd by Smith, Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, motion carried. Mr. Eversole accepted and will take extra safety precautions. Discussion regarding Supervisor's recommendation to advertise & sell township-owned parcel to help with Kass property cleanup and seek help with project at state level as the project is just too big for Reynolds Township. Motion: Advertise & sell to highest bidder, township-owned parcel #59-047-435-063-31, 3.17 acres in the Village of Howard City's Industrial District, to help pay for the costs associated with Kass property cleanup (acquired from similar cleanup.) Motion by Stevens, 2nd by Smith, Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion carried. Advertise in 3 papers, mail letter to all business owners in the immediate area, post on-line and on premises; sealed bids starting at \$30,000, 45-day time frame, possible tax incentive and advertise for public sealed bid opening.

BOARD COMMENTS: Trustee Smith: Reminder Reynolds Twp. Spring Cleanup is Saturday, May 30th. Supervisor Fisk: I encourage Reynolds Township residents to take advantage of the Spring Cleanup from 8 am to 12 noon at the Pierson Landfill. Use this as an opportunity to clean road right-of-ways or any property in the township.

Meeting adjourned: 8:04 p.m. Motion by Sholty, 2nd by Stevens, Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, motion carried.

Next Meeting: June, 11, 2015 at 7:00 pm., 215 E. Edgerton St., Howard City. For more information, call the township office at 231 937-6739 or check our website at www.reynoldstwp.org.