

**SURREY TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
APPROVED MINUTES
June 13, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Russ Hamilton leading the Pledge to the Flag. Members present: Supervisor Russ Hamilton, Clerk Glenna Bradbury and Trustee Ken Pitchford. Treasurer Esther Pitchford and Trustee Kevin McDevitt, absent. Also in attendance: Dave Williams-Fire Chief: Rod Williams-Zoning Administrator: and Samantha Pitchford, County Commissioner and several citizens

REGULAR BUSINESS

Agenda

The meeting agenda for June 13, 2017 was reviewed. A motion to accept the agenda was made by R Hamilton, supported by K Pitchford. All ayes. E Pitchford and K McDevitt absent. Motion carried.

Minutes

The minutes from the May 9, 2017 Regular Board meeting were approved with a motion made by G Bradbury, supported by K Pitchford. All ayes. E Pitchford and K McDevitt absent. Motion carried.

Bills

General Fund bills: (check #s 32891-32896, 32928-32948) for a total of \$25,024.44, the Fire Fund bills (check #s 12544-12548, 12568-2577) for a total of \$4,434.76 and the Transfer Facility bills (check #s 952-957) a total of \$12,945.68. with Credit Card bill. Motion made by K Pitchford to pay the bills with the credit card bill, seconded by R Hamilton. Roll Call Vote: Ken Pitchford-yes, R Hamilton-yes, G Bradbury-yes. E. Pitchford and K McDevitt absent. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report was reviewed and placed on file.

REPORTS

Fire Department Report

D Williams presented the report. It will be kept on file. •He requested the approval of three new fire fighters, Marvin Frayer (already trained) Christopher Schomisch and Brent Rushmore. •He also requested approval to hire Katherine Winter as the Fire Dept. and Bldg. Inspection Office Assistant. G Bradbury made a motion to approve the three fire fighters, pending physicals, and the Fire/Inspection office assistant. Supported by K Pitchford. Roll Call Vote: G Bradbury-yes, Ken Pitchford-yes, R Hamilton-yes. E. Pitchford and K McDevitt absent. Motion carried. •Mentioned Front Line was conducting the Annual Maintenance on the fire trucks. •Wednesday they are visiting the new hog farm on McKinley Rd. in Garfield Twp. for the farm layout.

Zoning Report:

Rod Williams-reported. •He issued 6 violation letters and 10 zoning permits. •A ticket was sent out in May for \$115 because they hadn't cleaned up their property before the court date. •On May 10 the Zoning Board of Appeals held a Special Hearing to consider revocation of the Special Use Variance authorized in Article 13 of Ordinance 17 granted in early 2007. The resident agent for the property, formally known as Silver Ridge/Harmony Hill, now owned by Rough Road, was notified of the hearing but failed to appear. The Planning Commission made a recommendation to rescind the Special Use Variance as the use has been abandoned. The Planning Commission also recommended the Special Use Permit be rescinded contingent on the Boards decision. K Pitchford made a motion to agree with the Planning Commission and rescind the Special Use Variance, supported by G Bradbury. Roll Call Vote: Ken Pitchford-yes, G Bradbury-yes, R Hamilton-yes. E. Pitchford and K McDevitt absent. Motion carried.

Commissioners Report:

Samantha Pitchford stated there was nothing to report.

OTHERS:

(1) Gerald Martin, President of the Bear Lake Association, •requested that Surrey Township Board create a Special Assessment of \$150.00 for each property owner per year for a period of five years to cover the costs of weed control on Bear Lake, according to Public Act #188 of 1954. The Clerk was given the petition signed by land owners. The control of the weeds will be done using herbicides by a company out of

Grand Rapids. The supervisor read the resolution #2017-02. A Public Hearing is scheduled for July 11, 2017 and the clerk will publish a notice of such hearing. Motion to create the resolution was made by G Bradbury, seconded by K Pitchford. Roll Call Vote: G Bradbury-yes, Ken Pitchford-yes, R Hamilton-yes. E. Pitchford and K McDevitt absent. Motion carried. •Bill Bennett, Vice President of the association, was introduced.

(2) Michael Jones •inquired if Surrey Township would consider a medical marijuana business here. Clare City has opted for an outside organization and he wants to keep the money in our community. Would like to have a Special Land Use Permit and Agricultural classification in order to grow and process the product. The product would be grown outdoors not in a building. The property is located on Washington Rd. There are no plans to have the business in town. This would be of the highest medical quality. We have a 20 year experienced Bio-chemist from Dow Corning to help brand our product. The main concern is to bring medicine to those who need it. •The Board had several questions and was concerned about the community and legalities. Licensing in Michigan doesn't start until December 2017. Rod to get more detailed information for the board . Tabled for a possible August 2017 meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- D Williams: Brandon Solcum and Joshua Henry passed the Firefighter 1 & 2 classes.
- R Williams: The Board needs to refer Harmony Hill back to the Planning Commission to decide on a higher and better use for the property. Motion to refer Harmony Hill to the Planning Commission made by G Bradbury, Supported by K Pitchford. E Pitchford and K McDevitt absent. All Ayes. Motion carried.
- Lori Martin, Clare County Clerk: •New voting equipment will be on hand by November. •The Court system sent out 5,000 jury questionnaires to be used for jury selection next year. •The court will take over the mail room as a lobby for a more private location for their interviews with clients.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Cemetery tractor quote: Capital Equipment quotes \$30,818.42 plus \$947 for a 36" bucket. Bader & Sons quoted \$29,171.00 with an extra bucket for total package. Need input from the Treasurer on financing. Tabled.
- FYI Tri County Electronic Resolution number is 2017-01

NEW BUSINESS:

- (1) MTA Principles of Governance. This Resolution simply states that a township should act in an ethical manner. Motion to adopt made by R Hamilton, supported by K Pitchford. E Pitchford and K McDevitt absent. All ayes. Motion carried.
- (2) Review/decide of Road Commission Kapplinger estimate. Per R Hamilton the work could be done this year and we could pay for it July 1, 2018. The cost is \$50,000. The Road Commission would need confirmation from Surrey Twp by email, letter or board minutes to present at their board meeting. R Hamilton made a motion to approve the work pending the Rd. Comm. Board agreed with our pay schedule, Supported by G Bradbury, Roll Call Vote: R Hamilton-yes, G Bradbury-yes, Ken Pitchford-yes. E. Pitchford and K McDevitt absent. Motion carried. • A. Reiss asked if Kapplinger was going to be reclassified. R Hamilton's reply was "no"
- (3) Review/decide on Clare County Treasurer, foreclosed properties. Motion to deny all property purchases made by R Hamilton, supported by K Pitchford. Roll Call Vote: R Hamilton-yes, K Pitchford-yes and G Bradbury-yes. E. Pitchford and K McDevitt absent. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

Meeting adjourned at 7:30PM.