

Aetna Township Board  
Minutes of Meeting Held  
March 9, 2016

Approved

**Board Members Present:** Jan Eckert, Dee Barringer, Bruce Carey, Barb Cornell and Gary Dubridge

**Public Present:** Ray Steinke, Dixie Ward, Ron Baker & Nicole Healy

**Meeting** called to order at 9:00 am. Pledge to flag.

**Public Comment:**

- Ray reported that they were doing interviews for Art Addleman's seat on the commission for the balance of the year. He has moved out of his district.
- Kenn reported that the GIS program is working on screen, but it will not print correctly.
- Parks millage: ½ mil to improve the county parks. It will be divided according to need (not School Section Lake ) for bathrooms and roofs.
- Building & Zoning re commercial or non commercial compliance.
- Nicole reported that the problem with the children on 4 Mile Road still exists. Dee to call Todd and see what can be done.
- Dixie Ward from Muskegon River Watershed:
  1. They have a grant to plant trees along approx 6,000 ft of the Little Muskegon River. The Conservation Dist. will plant the trees. If we have any suggestions please contact her.
  2. Recycling for electronics and tires will be at the Big Rapids location only. Date will be announced,
- Ron Baker asked for the township support in securing a grant for the Michigan Natural Recourses Trust Fund to continue paving the White Pines Trail.

**Minutes:** Motion by Jan to approve the minutes of the February meeting as corrected. Supported by Bruce. Motion carried.

<b><u>Treasurer's Report:</u></b> 2-29-16 General Account Firstbank	\$ 107,702.49	Tax Account	\$ 55,542.47
Savings Acct. Chemical	6,346.86	Brady Lake	\$ 2,171.93
CD #12 Mercantile	26,586.37		
CD #13 Chemical (Roads)	<u>40,790.06</u>		
Total Cash Available	\$ 181,425.78		

Revenue Sharing is down about \$2,500.00 for this year. Discussed that it is based on sales taxes collected .

**Assessor's Report:** The BOR has not received any hardship applications this year.

**Fire Department:**

**Zoning:** No one attended the meeting re the Kehoe proposal.

Bruce reported no need to proceed with the ordinance regarding the sawmills, because it is already part of the zoning ordinance and illegal. In 2017 assessors will tackle the PRE/Sawmill issue.

**Cemetery:** Bruce will try to get down there and clean up broken tree and grade the roads before Dan starts to work.

**White Pine Trail:** Motion by Barb to sign the DNR letters as long as there is no coast to the township. Bruce support. Carried.

**Hardy Pond Trail:** Consumers is now on board with the plan and may even financially support it through their foundation. Both counties have contributed seed money and an environmental study will be done. As far as funding, they believe they have enough to build the trail, but they need a permanent revenue source for the maintenance. Construction will start in the spring of 2018 depending on the FERC approval. Consumers plans to address the pedestrian lanes across Hardy Dam in the next 2 years.

Gary asked if there was anything current pending with the building department regarding the Amy Wormeister property at Brady Lake. It is pretty bad and they would like something done.

**Next Meeting** April 13, 2016 at 700 pm.

**Adjournment:** Bruce declared meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.