

Aetna Township Board
Minutes of Meeting Held
February 8, 2017

Approved

Board Members Present: Jan Eckert, Dee Barringer, Gary Dubridge & Barbie Cornell & Bruce Carey

Public Present: Ray Steinke, Ken Lind

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

Public Comment : Ray had nothing from the county

Ken Lind presented a new insurance proposal that the board will consult with Deerfield Twp and contact him. His concerns are that we are a political entity, under insured. Fire trucks should be insured for \$1,120,000.00 (double the current coverage), wrongful acts and professional liability covers the board but not the members personally.

Minutes: Motion by Jan to approve the minutes of the January meeting, supported by Barb. Motion carried.

<u>Treasurer's Report:</u> 8-31-16	General Account Chemical	\$ 52,063.31		
	Savings Acct. Chemical	6,350.31	Brady Lake	\$ 2,492.88
	CD #12 Mercantile	26,786.70	Tax Account	\$ 101,029.09
	CD #13 Chemical (Roads)	41,190.16		
	Money Market (Roads)	<u>50,019.68</u>		
	Total Cash Available	\$ 176,391.16		

She used BSA and collected \$3,320.00 for the collection of taxes. That is \$2.50 per parcel. She talked to Roger Cole at the school and they will continue to collect taxes in the winter for 2017.

Payment of bills: Motion by Gary and supported by Barb to pay the bills as presented.

Assessor's Report: Kenn reported that his computer is slower than normal and getting worse. Motion by Dee for Kenn to purchase a new computer of his choosing at up to \$1,500.00 before the BOR. Support by Barb. Voice Vote: Bruce yes, Dee yes, Barb yes, Gary yes, Jan yes. Motion carried.

Discussed the turkey farm and the neighbor (Nugent) said the smell was better than expected. It requires 19 weeks to mature a turkey.

The land split at Jefferson & 220th is complete.

Board of Review training is Saturday at Chippewa Hills.

Dave Bird will serve as an alternate on the BOR.

Mecosta County assessors will be audited in 2017. Kenn will check and see if we need new updated resolutions.

Board of Review date: Tues Mar 14 9-12 and 1-4 and Thursday March 16th 1-4 and 6-9. Organizational meeting will be March 7 at 10 am.

Fire Department: Discussed the proposal by Ken Lind for EMC insurance. Most were in favor of changing to that company for coverage but did not want to consider the lease situation. Bruce will attend the Deerfield Twp. meeting on Thursday evening and see if they have made a decision to get the wheels going.

Cemetery: Randy Heckman has the plaque for Woolworth. Dee will advise him to wait until spring to put it out.

Roads: Discussed roads and Bruce will get a quote on 200th and 4 Mile Road and see if there is any chance of cost sharing with the county.

Wages: Motion by Gary supported by Barb to approve the resolution increase Clerk Wages to \$15,000.00 Voice vote. Yes 5 No 0 Motion Carried.

Motion by Bruce supported by Gary to approve the resolution increase Treasurer Wages to \$14,000.00 Voice vote. Yes 5 No 0 Motion Carried.

Motion by Dee supported by Jan to approve the resolution increase Trustee Wages to \$2,000.00 Voice vote. Yes 5 No 0 Motion Carried.

2017 Budget: Reviewed the proposed budget nearly line by line and made adjustments according to increased or decreased income and cost estimates. Budget will show estimated income of \$252,500.00 and planned expenditures of \$252,230.00. Dee will prepare the final budget for the annual meeting to be held on March 8, 2017.

Medical Marihuana: (Marijuana) Following discussion at the Township Association meeting regarding the requirements for municipalities, the articles in the Township Focus and the Municipal Review it was decided that we should give the matter some consideration and possibly coordinate our efforts within the county. If we choose to take no action, we cannot be forced to allow Medical Marihuana Facilities to be licensed in our township.

Next Meeting March 8, 2017 at 9:00 am. We will hold Annual Budget Hearing
Annual Meeting
Regular monthly meeting.

Adjournment: Bruce declared meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm