

Aetna Township Board  
Minutes of Meeting Held  
March 8, 2017

Approved

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

**Public Present:** Shirley Morse, John Morrison, Jackie Fitzgerald

**Meeting:** called to order at 10:10 am. Pledge to flag.

**Public Comment :**

John Morrison West Michigan Trails John was looking for a resolution of support for completing the White Pine Trail from Sand Lake to Big Rapids with either crushed limestone or Asphalt. Bruce questioned the amount of support from the Meijer's to have Fred Meijer's name on it. He was also told that we could not support crushed limestone and that it needed to be available for snowmobile use.

Jackie Fitzgerald: Mecosta County Drain Commissioner regarding the dam at Brady Lake. There are some holes in the dam and repairs are needed. She has looked into changing the way the assessment is done and it can be adjusted to a flat fee per property owner. There are some different options available and she will present them at the May 5<sup>th</sup> property owners meeting. Cliff Youngs will be the engineer and contractor she will be using. The assessment does not start until the project is complete.

**Minutes:** Motion by Bruce to approve the minutes of the February meeting, supported by Jan. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** 8-31-16

General Account Chemical	\$ 50,864.14		
Savings Acct. Chemical	6,350.55	Brady Lake	\$ 2,493.09
CD #12 Mercantile	26,786.70	Tax Account	\$ 58,823.39
CD #13 Chemical (Roads)	41,221.65		
Money Market (Roads)	<u>50,056.13</u>		
Total Cash Available	\$ 175,279.17		

Discussed transfer of funds in the savings account to the money fund, and that cannot be done because the money fund is dedicated to roads and the general savings is available for general use. We received a revenue sharing check for \$26,715.00 that is not included in the cash account total.

**Payment of bills:** done at annual meeting.

**Assessor's Report:** Kenn has purchased a new computer. It is a laptop. He has it loaded and ready for use at the Board of Review.

**Fire Department:** Bruce attended the Deerfield meeting and they are in agreement about the change in insurance companies. He contacted Ken Lind and got things started.

Bruce also contacted Stratz about the ventilation of the building and they recommended 2,000 cmf fan for the north end and a vent toward the office end, with a timer near the entry door. That would result in a complete air exchange in the building in 30 minutes. It would include a hood over the exhaust. His price was \$3,970.00 plus wiring.

**Cemetery:**

**Roads:** Bruce has talked to the county and there may be a chance of some cost sharing this year. He has received the Brine Contract and it was decided that he will look into using a different supplier for the chloride. We will take action in April.

**Sign:** Gary has done some investigation on a sign and will continue to check out local sign companies. The estimate that he had was approximately \$9,375.00 for a 2' x 6' sign.

**White Pines Trail:** Motion by Dee to support the completion of the trail with asphalt and no financial obligation. Support by Gary. Carried.

**Next Meeting** April 12, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

**Adjournment:** Bruce declared meeting adjourned at 11:50 am