

Aetna Township Board  
Minutes of Meeting Held  
May 10, 2017

Approved

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

**Public Present:** Nicole Healy, Lisa Curtis, Leane Johnson

**Meeting** called to order by Bruce at 7:00pm. Pledge to flag.

**Public Comment:**

Lisa Curtis was in attendance to express concern and displeasure with the proposed oversize structure on the Herndon property. Potential plans for use include industrial activities and semi truck traffic. There is also a history of neighbor disputes over the use of a shared easement that would be the primary access to the new building. The Board advised Ms. Curtis they would discuss their position on the proposed building and notify her via mail. The Board also advised the easement issue is not a township matter and suggested she pursue the matter through surveying and legal channels.

Leane Johnson from Johnson Outdoor Digital presented quotes and information on an outdoor electronic sign for the hall. She indicated that they do sometimes have discounted models or trade ins available. New signs have ten year life expectancy and cost 28 to 32 cents per day to operate. The Board asked about potential issues with the proximity to the road and her opinion was there was no splash concerns.

**Minutes:**

Motion by Jan to approve the minutes of the May meeting with one minor correction - Nicole Healy's attendance needs to be added. Supported by Barb. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

04.30.17	General Account Chemical	\$109,607.74	Tax Account	\$436.78
	Savings Acct. Chemical	6,351.08	Brady Lake	\$6,918.58
	CD #12 Mercantile	26,826.33		
	CD #13 Chemical (Roads)	41,281.64		
	Money Market (Roads)	<u>50,093.78</u>		
	Total Cash Available	\$234,160.57		

Jan reported we saw a slight increase in the State of Michigan revenue sharing. It's time to roll over the Mercantile CD. Chemical is offering the same rate for a shorter period of time and the Board advised Jan to make the change. Jan is still gathering information on credit card processing. The annual audit was performed today and the auditors were pleased with the preparations and indicated they were satisfied with the books and methods and procedures in place.

**Pay Bills:**

Motion by Barb to pay the bills as presented, supported by Gary. Motion carried.

**Assessor's Report:**

None

**Fire Department:**

Bruce reported the fire department was willing to accept the revised plans for the addition of a forced air ventilation system. Motion by Bruce to proceed with the purchase and installation, supported by Gary. Motion carried.

**Cemetery:**

The stolen items have been replaced and the entry has been repaired and reinforced. Dee is working on information for motion lights. Road repair and maintenance are under way.

**Roads:**

Bruce confirmed the most reasonable brine rates are through the county. Dee needs to sign and return the brine contract.

**Old Business:**

Township clean up day is May 13<sup>th</sup>, 8am to noon.

Gary is continuing to make progress with the new website.

Given the information presented by Johnson Outdoor, the board was in agreement that there is no rush at this time. Leane indicated they take in many trades during the summer and she'd keep us posted on units that will fit our budget and needs.

**New Business:**

The county Planning Commission denied the Herndon's Special Use Request and the Herndon's are appealing the decision. The Board was in agreement that there are many concerns with the intended use as a commercial business; one primary factor being the lack of road infrastructure to accommodate regular semi traffic. Bruce will attend the appeal hearing to convey the Board's concerns. A letter notifying Ms. Curtis of the same to be drafted and mailed.

**Correspondence:**

Bruce received a phone call and letter from a resident regarding an ongoing dispute with a road commission worker. Bruce indicated it appears to be a personal conflict and no action is required.

**Next Meeting:**

June 14, 2017 at 7:00pm.

**Adjournment:**

Bruce declared meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.