

Aetna Township Board
Minutes of Meeting Held
August 10, 2016

Approved

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

Public Present: Nicole Healy, Ken Lind, Scott Faulkner, Robbin Faulkner, Kenn Vredenburg Wayne Sarns & Sherry Sarns

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm. Pledge to flag.

Public Comment:

1. Scott Faulkner – Michigan Dragon Trail presented maps and updated information about the progress of the new Dragon Trail. Discussion was about Emergency Access Points (4 parking lots), There are other access sites in non-parking sites. The cost is approx. \$1.2 per mile. They will also have access points at Newaygo State Park and Brower’s Park. The county park departments have taken ownership of the project and they will be responsible for maintenance.
2. Ken Lind – from EMC Insurance was here to discuss the proposed insurance changes. We will meet again in the fall/winter to discuss more details and have the information to determine if we will change companies. He also questioned the coverage on the DNR vehicles.
3. Ray Steinke – called that he could not attend but he has checked into the sheriff’s report and the information is received from EMS and then put together and published by the sheriff’s department. The owner of the trailer on Eisenhower that burned has been issued a ticket for not cleaning up the mess and the county will be keeping up on it.

The Burrito House on Northland Drive is in Deerfield Township, but B & Z will take the necessary action.

Minutes: Motion by Barb to approve the minutes of the July meeting as corrected. Supported by Bruce. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report:

7-31-16 General Account Chemical	\$196,839.66		
Savings Acct. Chemical	6,348.71	Brady Lake	\$ 1,727.36
CD #12 Mercantile	26,586.37	Tax Account	\$ 38,179.01
CD #13 Chemical (Roads)	<u>41,004.22</u>		
Total Cash Available	\$ 270,778.96		

Tax collection is slow.

Gary asked when the special assessment funds could be issued to the Brady Lake Fund, and the bill paid for this year’s spraying. It will be done in September. Dee asked Gary for a copy of the bill, because she has not received it.

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

Budget Adjustment: Dee presented the adjustments that were needed to update the budget to show necessary changes. (See attached.)

Assessor’s Report: Ken has a couple of property splits, Bauman purchased the Turner property at the end of 200th Ave. He has one building permit for a new house on 2 mile for Robert Cassidy.

Fire Department:

Cemetery: Dee reported on the Cemetery Conference and if we don’t have an ordinance, we cannot enforce the rules that we have. Copies of the suggested format will be sent to board members and Dee will begin to draft an ordinance.

Roads: Gary questioned the grader work that is being done. Bruce explained that they have an inexperienced grader operator and that the grader is broken down. It broke down on 230th where he found the worst problem. Bruce has not received any new contracts and the county has switched to black top work now.

Elections: Dee reported that there was a problem with the 8-2-16 election in that the Marcee claimed they did not receive the Delegate Election results. Nicole knows that the form was completed and the election officials say it was sent. Dee opened the election materials looking for the form, so if there is a recount for any office, Aetna Township will not be recounted.

Communications: Hazardous waste request for funds. Bruce thought we had already approved that. Dee agreed and will do some follow up.

Next Meeting September 14, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment: Bruce declared meeting adjourned at 9:35pm.