

AETNA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR July 8, 2020

Approved

Present: Delores Barringer, Jan Eckert, Gary DuBridge, Barbie Cornell, Bruce Carey

Public in Attendance: Ray Steinke, Beverly McLaughlin, Crista Olsen, Mark and Elizabeth Solis, Megan Erickson, James Taylor and Brian Miller

Bruce called the meeting to order at 7:00pm; Pledge to the Flag

PUBLIC COMMENT: **Crista Olsen**, from Stanwood Ganga Garden and 420 Nurses, would the board's approval to hold 2 420 events at Sarns Resort. The first event would be August 1, 2020 from 8am-8pm with all proceeds going to Sarns Resort and the second event to be held August 29, 2020 from 8am-8pm with proceeds benefitting 2 area children that had been badly burned. Discussion withheld until later in the meeting. A board member would get back to her with the board's decision.

Megan Erickson for the Meceola Central Dispatch presented information on the ballot proposal to increase the surcharge for 911 services to all phone lines.

Mark Solis is running for Sheriff of Mecosta County. Gave the board information on his education/experience and changes he would make during his time in office.

James Taylor is running for Sheriff of Mecosta County. Gave the board information on his experience and changes he would make during his time in office.

Brian Miller is running for Sheriff of Mecosta County. Gave the board information on his education/experience and changes he would make during his time in office.

Ray Steinke County has hired a new firefighter; he has experience with wild fires out west. Nothing new to add and board has nothing he needs to take back.

Assessors Report: July board of Review dates.

Minutes of prior meeting: Barbie moved to approve minutes from 6/10/20 meeting, second by Jan. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: 6/30/20

General Account Chemical	\$ 79,798.57	Tax Account Chemical	\$ 34.29
CD#17 Chemical (roads)	51,411.66	Brady Lake Account	7,440.94
CD#18 Chemical (roads)	25,530.04		
CD#19 Chemical (not designated)	<u>75,000.00</u>		
Total Cash Available	\$ 231,740.27		

Presented information on the Clover Flex thru Chemical Bank the Township could begin taking debit/credit payments. Green Township began using on July 1, 2020, very happy with it, ease of use

and funds are available the next day. Lease or purchase outright purchase price is \$499.00 for smaller portable machine or \$749.00 for large stationary machine. Could be set up late next week or the first of the following week, to have up and going in August. Training and set-up would take about a month; charge a 3% fee for use, special account for credit/debit payments to tax account. Information is saved to the cloud, as can retrieve information as far back as needed. Jan would prefer the smaller, portable machine. Barbie moved to purchase the Clover Flex, Dee seconded. Voice vote; Bruce yes, Dee yes, Jan yes, Gary yes, Barbie yes, motion carried

Pay bills: Gary moved to pay checks 6455 thru 6486 in the amount of (\$11,393.39) as presented, seconded by Barbie. Motion carried.

Fire Department Report: Nothing to report will be setting a date for an August Fire Advisory meeting.

Cemetery: roof on restrooms, not critical not affecting the structure. Johnathan found 6 new oil filters for the grasshopper while cleaning the shed.

Election: 210 total AV ballots have gone out, 143 from our permanent AV list and the remaining 66 are the result of the Secretary of State mailing AV applications.

Roads: Bruce spoke with Tim today, done with project list. County is not funding any new projects, only doing maintenance, \$800,000 for seal coat no more money for improvements.

Brady Lake: McLaughlin variance request, tabled till August meeting by the Mecosta County Building and Zoning. Gary would like to request bids for the lake spraying. Residence meeting will be held August 1, 2020 at the Township hall.

Old Business: Ford Drain, hearing was July 1, 2020 no protests, 32,000 15 year time span on payout. Was expanded 190th north of 6 Mile to Dick Cramer's driveway down another $\frac{1}{2}$ mile, nothing on the east side was included. The drain went from around 900 acres to about 3000 acres. Work will begin mid August through the beginning of October. Power washing the north end of the hall, Barbie and Johnathan can do it, discussed renting a power washer from Menards and contacting Bob Mumby to borrow his equipment for hall usage, Barbie will check into. The hot water in the women's restroom is now working.

New Business: Dragon Trail is now open, grand opening is July 20, 20 at 3pm at Brower Park. Claim form for Purdue Bankruptcy, nothing for the Township to do not applicable. USDA nomination form. 420 events, as the township doesn't make the zoning laws, refer Ms. Olsen to the county and the agencies that need to be involved in the event planning.

Next Meeting is 8/12/20 at 7:00pm, Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.