

Concord Township Board Minutes

The Concord Township Board met in the Meeting Room at the Concord Township Office June 12, 2017 at 7:30 P.M.

Members present: Supervisor Al Cavasin, Clerk Judy Clark, Treasurer Robert Jacokes, Trustees David Miller and Jim Bush

Absent: None

Also Present: Larry Dane, Ron Selask, Gary Cozzaglio, Photographer, Bob Griffis, Jackson County Department of Transportation, Alan Tompkins, Jackson County Commissioner, Chuck Bunce, Jim Smith, Jerry Posey, Jim Spink, Bob Schlede, Richard Dobbins Sr., Richard & Alison Dobbins, Elaine Baker, Keith & Amy Bretts, Tom Todd, Harold Hoaglin, Bruce Barton, Ed Fedorka, Larry & Judy Race, Bob & Gloria Bernardon, Heidi Curl, Gary & Wendy Allen, Jason Mulcahy, Oren Wetzal, Jill & Richard F. Benn, Todd and Jessica Waldron, Kevin & Julie Smith, Paul Rickman, Doug Barnhill, Rick Rice, Marvin & Kathy DeVisser, Tim Pickett, Dennis Sandusky, Bob Pierce, Jan Gardner, Tony and Anna Edwards, George & Suzanne Spice, John & Kathleen Case, Rachel Burns, Warren & Amy Kinder, Mark Hodshire, Robert Isenman, Eric Schultz, Greg Bradley, Robert Jordon, Larry Jacobson, Jackson County Deputy and Ken Wyatt, Reporter for Albion Evening Recorder.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Cavasin at 7:30 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was honored.

Clark presented the board with the May 8, 2017 Concord Township Board minutes for approval.

Bush made a motion to accept the minutes, Jacokes supported. Motion carried.

Public comments:

There was a lengthy discussion on the Hog Farm that Richard Dobbins Jr. is interested in erecting on the property on Litle Road. There were many residents that had questions and concerns on what it was going to do to their property values, how they were going to take care of the stench that they assume will come along with 4,000 to 5,000 hogs that will be housed in the buildings. There was also some concern on environmental issues and the fact that the farm is so close to the Parma Elementary School. Residents were asked to attend Planning Commission meetings on the first Thursday of the month where their voices can be heard before the ordinance is written. After nearly an hour of discussion Supervisor Cavasin closed Public Comment.

Clark presented the Board with the May bills in the amount of \$9,500.10. Clark made a motion to accept the bills as submitted. Bush supported. Motion carried.

Reports:

Jacokes gave the financial condition of the township, the revenues and expenditures for the month of May 2017.

Fire report was given by Trustee Miller. Financial report showed a balance of \$99,337.72 in the fire fund on May 31, 2017. There were 25 total calls in March with a payroll of \$2,769.50. Chief Mosher is still waiting on a quote from D.H. Roberts Construction. American Truck will be installing the new exhaust system on the tanker truck. Chief Mosher is getting bids on 6 tires for the rescue and should be in the \$600.00 range. Grant

for the 17 Air Packs is still in the running. No news is good news! There were also some concerns on parking at the fire station by the parents of the Little League baseball parents. Signs have been put up around the station and if violations continue then there will be automobiles hauled away by Jimmies.

Deputy Larry Jacobson gave the May Police report with not much going on other than individuals stealing things from unlocked sheds, garages and cars.

Bush gave the Planning Commission report. Fire Arms & Firing Range Ordinances are ready for Public hearings, but waiting until we have other ordinances ready and do them all at once. Still working on Livestock ordinance, and Solar Power ordinance.

Cavasin made a motion to accept the reports as presented. Miller supported. Motion carried.

Unfinished business:

None

New Business:

With no questions or concerns on the 2017/2018 Budget, Clark made a motion to approve the budget. Bush supported. Motion carried.

Clark presented the Board with Principles of Governance that Michigan Township Association encouraged us to use as our own Code of Conduct. Jacokes made a motion to approve the Code of Ethics, Miller supported. Motion carried. All members of the Board signed the document.

Board Member Comments:

Clark asked permission to attend a training session in Frankenmuth, Michigan on July 19 & 20, 2017 for Clerks only at a cost of \$299.00 for training. There will be one night's stay and mileage on top of that. Cavasin made a motion to send Clark to the training. Miller supported. Motion carried.

Supervisor Comments:

Cavasin reported that the point man that was working on our new website had passed away and he is working with remaining partners to move things along.

He is in receipt of new emails for the entire office and will be working this week on getting them set up and ready to use. He is recommending that the Board appoint one member of the team to maintain a listing of all email addresses and all relevant passwords.

He has engaged Gary Cozzaglio of LifeShot Photo, of Grand Rapids, to take a series of photographs for publication on the new website. Al and Gary went around the Township on Monday, June 12, 2017 and shot more than 400 photos'.

He also reported that he had been approached by a citizen of the community concerning private road right of way and pallet fences. Cavasin has written a letter to him stating that the Township and the Jackson County Department of Transportation bears no responsibility for the private road that he lives on. Bush made a motion to send the letter. Clark supported. Motion carried.

Cavasin presented the Board with a Proposal from Fahey, Schultz, et al to represent the Township as our Attorneys. The specialize in Township law. Cavasin made a motion to hire the firm as the Township Attorney's. Clark supported. Motion carried.

Al has been working with the Planning Commission to produce ordinances he felt are

critical to the health, safety and welfare of our citizens. He is asking the Board to issue a directive for him to work through the Planning Commission to continue developing and/or rewriting necessary ordinances and to review, rewrite and/or rework our Master Plan and Ordinance Book. Clark made a motion to grant his request. Bush supported. Motion carried.

Cavasin is going to be putting a package together to market the lawn and maintenance equipment at the cemetery. It will be written up at fair market value and will be posted in the local paper and on our Facebook page.

Al will be writing a monthly newsletter and include a synopsis of the unapproved minutes to be run in the Salesman each month.

With no other business at hand, Cavasin made a motion to adjourn. Bush supported. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Judy Clark, Concord Township Clerk

6/12/2017

Supervisor Al Cavasin:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Al Cavasin', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.