

Concord Township Board Minutes

The Concord Township Board met in the Common Meeting Room February 9, 2015, at 7:30 P.M.

Members present: Supervisor Jamie Ley, Clerk Judy Clark, Treasurer Robert Jacokes, Trustees John Pardee & David Miller.

Absent: None

Also Present: Dorothy Cesco, Julia Alexander, County Commissioner, Tony Brooks, Ed Fedorka, Ron Schafer, Village President and Al Cavasin.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Ley at 7:30 P.M. and the Pledge of Allegiance was honored.

Public comments:

Assessor Dishaw gave her annual assessing report. Subject of the Police Chief driving the police vehicle home was explained in length. He is only driving it home for training with the dog on Wednesdays with the Battle Creek Police Department.

Clark presented the board with the January 12, 2015 Concord Township Board minutes for approval. Jacokes made a motion to accept the minutes, Pardee supported. Motion carried.

Clark presented the Board with the January 2015 bills in the amount of \$8,760.27. Clark made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Miller supported. Motion carried.

Unfinished business:

Clark reported that the document shredding that Colleen Garety, Elections Coordinator with Jackson County had emailed her about was incorrect and that the pricing was different from what she had posted. Clark called MDK Shredding and got a price for that. Al Cavasin indicated that he used a company and would email Clark the information.

Ley presented the board with the Parson Road and Warner Road estimates once again from the Jackson County Department of Transportation, but was tabled until the March meeting after we all had time to compare the 2 estimates that we have.

Reports:

Jacokes gave the financial condition of the township, the revenues and expenditures for the month of January 2015. Jacokes also reported on taxes collected to date.

Fire report was given by Pardee. Bills were paid in the amount of \$12,792.39 for the month of December. The Fire Board had changed II.1.c of the Fire Board Agreement to read: at their first meeting, the four members appointed by Township and Village shall appoint a fifth member at large. The fifth member shall be a resident **and or property taxpayer** of either Township or Village. There were 15 total runs for the month of December 2104 costing \$3,021.00

Clark gave the January 2015 police report with 63 complaints, 6 citations, 14 verbal warnings, 6 arrests and 1,615 miles driven. Total miles on Black SUV is 4,615. Hanover hours for the month of January were 11.50.

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

Board Member Comments:

Clark reported that she had sent a thank you letter to Clifford Payne for cleaning up the blight at his residence on M-60. She also reported that July 1, 2015 the new Freedom of Information Act had to be in place with a Police, Summary and a price sheet with prices

broken down for services. Clark also reminded the Board that the March meeting would be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2015.

New business:

Discussion on the Swains Lake Sewer project with Ley making a motion to allow the project to continue, if the other municipalities approved it. Miller supported. Motion carried.

A lengthy discussion on the Township moving forward with a quote to Concord Village for Police protection was held. Pardee made a motion to leave things the way they are for the time being. Ley supported. Motion carried.

The Prosecuting Attorney's Office has drawn up an Agreement for Prosecution Services that would cost the Township \$1,500 annually, which is to be paid quarterly. Miller made a motion to move from Eric White to the Prosecutor's office for the prosecution of Township Ordinance and Traffic violations. Pardee supported. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Julie Alexander, Jackson County Commissioner gave an update at the County level. She reported that the 2016 budget has a deficit of \$1.5 million. Cuts are probably going to have to be made. The County is also moving along with the addressing issues.

Supervisor Comment:

Supervisor Ley reported that he had called all of the Township Board members to get permission to purchase a 2004 Ford vehicle from Calhoun County Sheriff's Department for \$4,300 because of a deadline that had to be met. They all agreed. He also reported that Chief Munster had an accident with the 2015 Police vehicle and that it had been repaired and was back in service. Ley is going to talk with Eric Benn, Sexton of Maple Grove Cemetery about the price to make snow removal from the sidewalk in front of the cemetery. Ley has also plowed the cemetery three (3) times, but his truck is too big to continue to offer this service. Township will be taking bids in the future for this service.

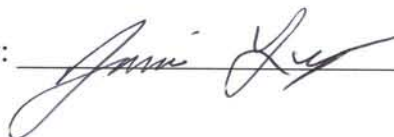
With no other business at hand, Pardee made a motion to adjourn, Ley supported. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 P.M.

Judy Clark, Concord Township Clerk

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Supervisor Jamie Ley:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jamie Ley", is written over a horizontal line.