

## Concord Township Board Minutes

The Concord Township Board met in the Meeting Room at the Concord Township Office March 14, 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: Dorothy Cesco, Orien Wetzel, Bob Schleede, Alan Tompkins, Jackson County Commissioner and Larry Jacobson, Jackson County Sheriff Department Deputy.

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 February 13, 2017 Concord Township Board minutes for approval.

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

Public comments:

County Commissioner Tompkins brought us up to date at the County level. A lawyer firm out of Texas is going to represent Jackson County on the Prayers before meetings all the way to the Supreme Court. Jackson County Department of Transportation has purchased 14 snow removal trucks and 2 pieces of equipment for paving.

Alternate Planning Commission member Orien Wetzel reported back on the Planning and Zoning Workshop he attended in Lansing. Learned a lot and also did some networking. He is going to Rives Township to a meeting about Marihuana, to Stockbridge about ponds and to Calhoun County about gravel pits.

Clark presented the Board with the February bills in the amount of \$8,718.93. Clark made a motion to accept the bills as submitted. Cavasin supported. Motion carried.

Reports:

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

Fire report was given by Trustee Miller. Financial report showed a balance of \$95,953.76 in the fire fund on February 28, 2017. There were 14 total calls in January with a payroll of \$1,577.50. Chief Mosher reported that there would be an Asset List for the March meeting. The new 800 MHz Radio System will not be costing the Concord Fire Department due to several Fire Departments complaining about the cost. The State does all maintenance and gives out new equipment every 10 years. The Department is also not committing to paying the \$871.00 for the USAR (Urban Search & Rescue Team) for the 20-year-old truck that they are purchasing. Mr. Chamberlain from Hanover is coming to look at the interior of the fire barn and give a quote for the work that they want done. Will report in March.

Deputy Larry Jacobson gave the Police report for the month of February. He has issued tickets to some Township residents for the blight around their property and has contacted others in the Township about their blight. He also educated us on meth lab burn sites. If you see plastic bottles, tubes, empty cans, etc. don't touch it and call 911. Also, fox and coyotes have been seen in the Township and a resident lost all 12 of his chickens.

Supervisor Cavasin gave the Planning Commission report. The Planning Commission had more debate on gravel pits and the alternate members of the Planning Commission are going to go to other gravel pits in our area.

Clark made a motion to accept the reports as presented. Bush supported. Motion carried.

Unfinished business:

Cavasin brought 3 bids for our Webpage Design as requested at the February 2017 meeting. One from Frog Productions is \$1,800.00 plus hosting at the plan we choose. One was Connection Graphics for \$3,640.00 and the third one was from Local Logic Media for \$4,546.17. After some discussion, Bush made a motion to accept Frog Productions bid, Jacokes supported. Motion carried.

New Business:

Clark presented to the Board her recommendations for Cemetery Fee increases. Cavasin made a motion to accept her recommendations, Miller supported and after discussion and Supervisor Cavasin presenting numbers that he came up with, he called for a roll call vote on Clark's recommendations:

Ayes: Miller, Clark, Jacokes and Bush

Nays: Cavasin

Motion carried.

New cemetery fees are attached.

Clark brought up the cemetery equipment and what should we do with it. Her suggestion was to sell it before the equipment gets any older. Trustee Miller thought we just wait a bit and see if we like the work that the contractor does at the cemetery. Bush wondered if we could just advertise this equipment or did we need to take bids. Clark is to email Michigan Township Association and find out what is legal. Clark also stated that we had some police equipment that we needed to sell also. Cavasin made a motion to give Clark, Jacokes and Cavasin permission to get an inventory of equipment and work out a plan of how to dispose of it. Jacokes supported. Motion carried.

Cavasin has been working on getting a Clean-Up day so that our residents have a way of getting rid of junk. He called several garbage companies and only 2 put their bids in writing. Granger and Emmons, after a lengthy discussion Cavasin made a motion to use Emmons, Bush supported. Motion carried. Details as to when and where will be published in the near future. There will be a roll-off dumpster to put metal in that Emmons will take to Omni Source and donate the money to the Concord Fire Department.

Board Member Comments:

Clark let the Board know that in April, Prosecuting Attorney Jerry Jarzynka and Det./Lt. Lisa Gee-Cram will be giving a 30-minute talk on Medical Marijuana and the pros and cons of the legislation.

Supervisor Comments:

All of our new Board & Committee alternates have been through training and in their respective rolls and are in place working to make Concord a better Community. He has been working with the Jackson County Department of Transportation on our crumbling roads and infrastructure. Jackson County should be responsible for paving Erie Road as it is a main road and he is putting pressure on the County to do so. Also, Concord Township needs to do something about having more money for repairs to our Township Roads. We

discussed a millage increase as our current millage only brings in about \$70,000.00 a year. Miller made a motion to allow Cavasin to start the process for a new millage, Bush supported. Motion carried. Cavasin wants to get our residents to a meeting so that maybe they can come up with ways to increase revenue in the Township. The thought was maybe someone in the Township has good ideas that we can run with.

Cavasin brought up having Township credit cards. Feelings of some Board members that having to put out their personal funds for workshops and postage is unfair. Clark made a motion to allow Supervisor Cavasin to check out no fee credit cards, Miller supported. Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Judy Clark, Concord Township Clerk

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Supervisor Al Cavasin:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Al Cavasin', written over a horizontal line.