

## Concord Township Board Minutes

The Concord Township Board met in the Meeting Room at the Concord Township Office November 13, 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: Naomi Carr, Orien Wetzel, Larry Jacobson, Jackson County Deputy, Ken Wyatt, Aaron Losey, Bill Carr and Bob Schleede.

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 October 9, 2017 Concord Township Board minutes for approval.

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

Public Comment:

During public comment Ken Wyatt asked about the project that is going on at M-60 and North Concord Road. Wanted to cease all gossip on what was true and what was not. He found out that MSA Three Sixty Transport, LLC is developing the acreage. Orien Wetzel reported that he and Ken Frey went to Michigan State for a presentation on Solar Energy and that they had learned a lot.

Clark presented the Board with the October bills in the amount of \$8,457.39. Clark made a motion to accept the bills as submitted. Miller supported. Motion carried.

Reports:

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

Fire report was given by Trustee Miller. Financial report showed a balance of \$129,501.21 in the fire fund as of October 31, 2017. There were 23 total calls in September with a payroll of \$2,568.00. Chief Mosher is getting quotes on hose that failed the hose test. Chief Mosher presented the Board with the 2018 Calendar year Fire Budget in the amount of \$121,115.00 an increase of \$6,115.00 to be split between the Township and the Village. The Fire Board gave Chief Mosher permission to purchase 10 sets of turn-out gear in the amount of \$22,500.00. FEMA grant was denied but has been resubmitted.

Deputy Larry Jacobson gave the Police report. Not much to report. Talked about the condemned property at 1221 Albion Road. He also reported that he had done a traffic study on Van Wert Road after many complaints from residents in the area. Speed was not as bad as residents had reported. Average speed for 11 days between the hours of 3:00 pm and 4:00 pm was 52.27 mph.

Jim Bush gave the Planning Commission report. Chairman Wetzel reported that MTA suggests that we put a strong ordinance together enforcing kennels in our township. Planning Commission has a resolution ready for the Medical Marijuana opt out for Concord Township to be presented to the Board of Trustees. Renewable Energy status work group of Bruce Lowstuter, Ken Frey and Orien Wetzel is working on a Solar Energy Ordinance. Training for the planning commission and focus groups through MTA will start in January of 2018.

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

Unfinished business:

Mineral Extraction and Gravel Pit Ordinance that had been tabled from October meeting was discussed. Bush made a motion to accept the ordinance as written. Miller supported.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Bush, Jacokes, Miller, Clark & Cavasin

Nays: None

New Business:

Fire Budget for calendar year 2018 was presented to the Board. Clark explained to the Board that there were some line items that needed to be changed, but the bottom number would not be affected. Clark made a motion to approve the budget of \$121,115.00. Miller supported. Motion carried.

Planning Commission has recommended to the Board of Trustees a Resolution Regarding Medical Marihuana Facilities Opt Out. Robert Schleede highlighted some areas why he thought that this was the best option for Concord Township at this time. One being that marihuana is illegal at the federal level, would we lose funding for schools etc. He thought we needed more time to investigate and wait until the State of Michigan handed down the laws. Miller made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented by the planning commission. Clark supported. Roll call vote:

Ayes: Jacokes, Miller, Clark & Cavasin

Nays: Bush

Board Member Comments:

Clark reported that Jacokes and her were going to a workshop in Kalamazoo on November 28<sup>th</sup> for accounting and payroll. She asked permission from the Board to purchase a projector screen for work groups to display their projects to other boards and the public. She also asked permission to reimburse Bruce Lowstuter the \$30.00 for an annual membership to the Great Lakes Renewable Energy Association. Board agreed to both expenditures.

Supervisor Comments:

Cavasin reported that blight is being cleaned up in the Township. There is progress being made at several locations in the Township. Jackson County Region 2 Planning Commission denied the rezoning that we sent them on the property on M-60. It was changed from ag to residential. We don't need their permission so the rezoning stands as the resident requested. New Township emails are almost all set up. Website progress is moving along. Cavasin wants more pictures of the committees.

Bush made a motion to adjourn. Cavasin supported. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Judy Clark, Concord Township Clerk

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Supervisor Al Cavasin:

