

VALLEY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2010

Call to Order: Bill Browne called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

***The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

Roll Call: Denise Medemar, Brandee Ellis, Bill Browne, and Bob Dobbins were present. Rose Ann Wendt was excused absent.

Minutes: Bob Dobbins made a motion to accept the minutes from the February 9 Board Meeting. Denise Medemar seconded. The motion passed. Denise Medemar made a motion to accept the minutes from the February 22 Special Meeting. Bob Dobbins seconded. The motion passed.

Approval of Draft Agenda: Bill Browne added Fire Protection Update, Insurance Questions, Audit Approval, and Building Permits Grantee to the agenda under Supervisor's Comments. Bob Dobbins made a motion to approve the draft agenda with these additions. Brandee Ellis seconded. The motion passed.

Budget Public Hearing: Budget discussion was opened to the public. There were no questions or concerns from the public or the board. Bob Dobbins made the motion to approve the budget as presented. Brandee Ellis seconded. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Treasurer's Report: Denise Medemar reported that no bank statements were available at this time. February statements will be made available at the April Board Meeting.

County Commissioner's Report: County Commissioner Fritz Spreitzer was not present.

Planning Commission Report: Commission Chair Melodie Dobbins reported that they are currently working on a wind energy ordinance.

Zoning Commission Report: Administrator Paul Shamblin reported that there presently are four dangerous buildings within the township. Notifications have been sent and a Public Hearing is scheduled for March 23, 2010.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items: In reference to the wind energy ordinance, Tony Garofalo noted that Mackinac City has a good ordinance for the planning commission to check into while preparing the ordinance for our township.

Unfinished Business

A. Camping Ordinance: Bob Dobbins made a motion to add the word "camp" to section 25.12 of the ordinance. Bill Browne seconded. The motion passed and the section will now read as follows: "Campfires must be attended at all times." Bob Dobbins made a motion to approve the camping ordinance with the aforementioned addition. Brandee Ellis seconded. The motion passed. A public hearing will be set at a later date for this and other ordinances.

B. Hawkers, Peddlers, and Transient Merchants Registration Ordinance: Bob Dobbins made a motion to accept the draft copy of the Hawkers, Peddlers and Transient Merchants Registration Ordinance. Bill Browne seconded. The motion passed. A public hearing will be set at a later date for adoption.

C. General Appropriations Act Resolution: Brandee Ellis read Resolution #2010-3-9A, Valley Township General Appropriations Act. Bob Dobbins made the motion to accept the resolution as read. Brandee Ellis seconded. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

D. Resolution to Establish Township Officer's Salary Resolution: Brandee Ellis read Resolution #2010-3-9B, Establishing Township Officer's Salary. Bill Browne made the motion to accept the resolution as read. Brandee Ellis seconded. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

New Business

A. Mowing Bids: Brandee Ellis presented the two bids received for the mowing of the township hall and for the cemetery. Bill Browne made a motion to remain working with our current client, DK Landscape, LLC for the year. Denise Medemar seconded. The motion passed.

Supervisor's Comments

A. AEMS Update: Bill Browne reported that AEMS foresees no increase in their rates for this year.

B. Fire Protection Update: Bill Browne reported that he and Brandee Ellis had met with the Fire Chiefs from Hamilton, Lee, and Clyde Townships to discuss contract renewals. Contract prices will be forthcoming. ISO ratings were also a topic in this meeting. It was noted that this seems to be a constant struggle in rural areas. Denise Medemar made a motion to approve the purchase of two Gumby/diving suits for each of the three fire departments. Bob Dobbins seconded. The motion passed.

C. Insurance Policy Renewals: An insurance quote from the Ted Hartleb Agency was passed out to all board members for review. It was decided that all board members should make a point to come in to the office to review our current policy as well as the new quoted policy.

D. Audit: The contract from Siegfried Crandall PC was received for conducting our Audit for 2009/2010. Denise Medemar made a motion to accept the contract as presented. Bob Dobbins seconded. The motion passed.

E. Building Permits Grantee: A proposed contract was presented to the board by Paul Shamblin/Code Enforcement for building and electrical permits. Bill Browne made a motion to use Code Enforcement for these permits. Denise Medemar seconded. Upon roll call vote the following voted "aye": Bill Browne, Brandee Ellis, and Denise Medemar. The following voted "nay": Bob Dobbins. The motion passed.

Approval to Pay Bills: Bill Browne made a motion to pay the February bills. Bob Dobbins seconded. The motion passed.

Upcoming Meetings/Events: Board of Review on Tuesday, March 9 from 9-noon and 1-4 PM; Thursday, March 11 from 1-4 PM and 6-9 PM.

Adjournment: Brandee Ellis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Denise Medemar seconded. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandee Ellis, Clerk