

DALLAS TOWNSHIP
Minutes of the Regular Monthly Board Meeting
August 6, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m.

Members	Arens, Gerry	Koenigsknecht, Therese	Schafer, Stephanie
Present:	Feldpausch, Vern	Schafer, Phil	
Guest:	Boettger, Robert	Pung, Lori	Thelen, Kurt
	Briganti, Jim	Rademacher, Jim	Wagner, Bernice
	Farley, Kathy & Ken	Simon, Brian	
	Ferguson, Lyn	Simon, Diane	
	Pohl, Dave	Theis, Jane & Joe	

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Feldpausch at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Guests: Supervisor Feldpausch also recognized the guests listed above.

Minutes of Meetings – July 2, 2013 & August 1, 2013: The board reviewed both meeting minutes. **A motion was made by P. Schafer, supported by V. Feldpausch to approve the minutes from the July 2, 2013 monthly board meeting. A second motion was made by S. Schafer supported by G. Arens to approve the minutes from the August 1, 2013 special board meeting. Motion carried.**

Additions or Correction to Agenda/Approval of Agenda: **A motion was made by V. Feldpausch supported by P. Schafer to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.**

Approval of Bills: **A motion was made by G. Arens supported by S. Schafer to approve the payment of the following bills as presented. Motion carried.**

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Expense Description</u>
BS&A Software	550.00	Assessing System Annual Support 8/2013 - 8/2014
Countryside Accounting - Patty Schafer	525.00	July 17th & 29th Review of March 2012 Audit & Review FD Runs
Fahey, Schultz, Burzych, Rhodes PLC	266.00	6/3 & 6/13/2013 - Rev Corr. from Ins. Counsel. & 6/26/13 Rev. with Client
John Hancock	45.00	Quarterly Contrib. for 4/1/13 to 6/30/13
Staples Advantage	153.56	Toner, case of paper, toilet paper, paper towel for twp hall \$153.56
Staples Advantage	29.54	Wireless Mouse for Election & Binders for Turbine Information
Village of Fowler	<u>86.07</u>	Water & Sewer, 225 South Main Street
Total of General Fund Bills	\$ 1,655.17	
Communications Services	169.00	Repair Radio, Mini pager & charger
COMLINK	109.86	Telephone: 44.31 Internet: \$65.55
Consumers Energy	178.00	Electric: \$83.31 Gas: \$10.50
Angie Hufnagel, Secretary/Treasurer	150.00	Public Relations for Fire Department families
Schmitz Mobil Service	651.77	\$214.94 June Diesel; \$436.83 July Diesel
Southeast Equipment Inc.	573.40	Annual SCBA Flow Test
D. Spitzley	100.00	Overpayment on 2-11-13 rescue
Village of Fowler	86.07	Water & Sewer , 257 S. Main St.
Westphalia Township	<u>450.00</u>	First Responder run - 6-9-2013 West Taft Road, Westphalia, MI
Total of Fire Fund Bills	\$ 2,468.10	

Public Comments:

Ken Farley asked if anyone in attendance has seen a complete copy of all the trails in Michigan. J. Rademacher asked if the trails are not maintained and are a safety hazard, who will be in charge of determining if they are shut down. He feels no money should be given to this project when there's unresolved issues. Commissioner Pohl stated that it would have to be the State's job in determining this as the DNR is very involved in this plan. He doesn't feel the DNR would let anything this close to the State Capitol deteriorate when it was so promoted state and nation-wide. He also stated that Farm Bureau & MTA are looking at the Natural Resource Trust fund to propose some money to be used for maintenance. Lori Kowatch stated Bengal Twp. did not give the Rails to Trails any funding. T. Koenigsknecht stated a resident called her regarding if the township board should contact the MTA regarding the Wind Turbine Police Power Ordinance decision by Judge Tahvonen. The Board asked T.

Koenigsknecht to contact legal counsel regarding this recommendation. J. Briganti asked a question regarding agricultural exemption for his land.

REPORTS:

Fire Dept: S. Goerge had no news from the fire department and asked if the Board had any questions or concerns.

Clerk: T. Koenigsknecht stated that she has been busy working with Patty Schafer, who is assisting with many journal entries to close out the year; and has been fielding several calls from concerned citizens regarding the recent decision by Judge Tahvonen and the wind turbines lawsuit.

Treasurer: G. Arens stated Fowler Schools are moving their business office to 700 S. Main Street, Box 407; the tax collection is underway and have collected \$205,716 for 317 parcels which is 24% of the number of parcels that we have. P. Hafner will be have .Net installed on her computer; and he received a request from the DWM to see Dallas Township will continue to charge \$15 per household. DWM item will be decided at the September meeting.

Supervisor: V. Feldpausch has been talking to G. Armbrustmacher regarding recent fire in their township; there will be an audit on Greg A-14 and all Clinton County Assessors in a 14-point review; met with CCRC on some of the gravel contracts and received clarification on applications of chloride and trying to assist the FD Billing Clerk to make it easier for her to send out bills.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Wind Turbines: V. Feldpausch stated there was a special meeting held last Thursday and under the advice of the township attorneys, they are not making a move until they get a copy of the transcript from Judge Tahvonen.

2. Clinton County Road Commission, Gravel Contracts: V. Feldpausch has been speaking with Brian Betz regarding the gravel contracts as well as the 6 miles slated to chloride. They agreed that the CCRC will get the gravel down just prior to the last chloride application. Contracts were for various roads in Dallas Township. ***A motion was made by G. Arens, supported by S. Schafer to accept the CCRC Gravel contracts. Motion carried.***

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Township Hall Maintenance: V. Feldpausch stated a few weeks ago he was called regarding mold growing on the walls in the township hall. He will check into prices on a dehumidifier for the building and report to the Board in September.

2. Fire Run Charge – Lebanon Township: V. Feldpausch spoke to Greg Armbrustmacher, Lebanon Twp. supervisor, regarding a fire run in their township. Due to an error on the fire department report, the Billing Clerk sent the resident a bill for \$500, although he should have been billed \$1500. The resident stated most of his land is in Dallas Township and asked if it could be billed as such. The Board stated they don't want to sway from the contract between Dallas and Lebanon Township for fire & rescue services and start a precedent; bill stands as such.

3. Clinton County Commissioner Report: The District judgeship that was lost last winter to the State has been reinstated; there will be an election in 2014 to vote for another judge once Judge Wells retires; the County is considering joining the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce; Animal Shelter Center should be completed by October; 14-point review on assessors is county-wide; minor incident with cameras going down in jail; they will replace them as this was in the budget and County interested in reactivating the historical commission.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

There being no further business, a motion was made by G. Arens, supported by S. Schafer to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 3rd @ 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Therese Koenigsknecht, Twp. Clerk

**Upcoming Events: August 15, 2013 C.A.A.S. Authority Board meeting
September 3, 2013 Dallas Township Board meeting**