# DALLAS TOWNSHIP Minutes of the Regular Monthly Board Meeting August 10, 2020 @ 2:00 p.m.

Members Feldpausch, Vern Marvel, Elizabeth Schafer, Stephanie Present: Koenigsknecht, Therese Schafer, Ann

Members Absent:

Guests:

<u>Call to Order:</u> The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Feldpausch at 2:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Guests: No guests present.

Additions or Correction to Agenda/Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by S. Schafer, supported by E. Marvel to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Minutes of Meeting – July 13th: A motion was made A. Schafer, supported by E. Marvel to approve the minutes from the July 13th monthly board meeting. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills: A motion was made by S. Schafer, supported by E. Marvel to approve the payment of the following bills, General Fund \$13,804.69 and Fire Fund \$10,031.17. The General Fund amount included \$2158.00 for Election Inspector wages for the August  $4^{th}$  Election. Motion carried.

### REPORTS:

<u>Fire Dept:</u> V. Feldpausch stated the department has been busy with calls; two trucks companies have come in with \$319,000 being the low bid without a trade-in; Heart Start (LUCAS), sent in for repair; compressor came from Maple Rapids FD; and the last date for firemen school is September 26<sup>th</sup>.

<u>Clerk:</u> T. Koenigsknecht continued working with auditors regarding audit and F-65 cost; conducted a Public Accuracy test and attended AV training; scheduled ZBA Public Hearing and very busy with Election work; had record turnout for August Primary with 57.15% - highest in Clinton County; 983 ballots processed with 624 absentee ballots sent out and 581 returned; 402 people came to the polls. Gearing up already for the November 3<sup>rd</sup> election.

<u>Treasurer:</u> A. Schafer stated she is working on collecting taxes and has collected 28% of the taxes so far for \$299,933.70. The amount to collect is \$1,075,592.94 as of July 31, 2020.

<u>Supervisor:</u> V. Feldpausch has been working with Bruce Wirth, from Clinton County Road Commission (CCRC), regarding chloride applications, which will take place this week; gravel is not finished yet and no calls on dust. CCRC will be starting work on Walker Road.

# **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- 1. Wind Turbines: No news from attorney.
- 2. <u>Administrative Fee for C.A.A.S.A.</u> The board had a lengthy discussion regarding 3% towards 401K for CAASA worker's retirement benefit.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. County Commissioners Report: Commissioner Pohl reported that the Board of Commissioners (BOC), are moving forward to hire Craig Longnecker, as Clinton County (CC) Administrator; the position of Deputy Administrator is in the process of being filled; Jail has remained COVID-free and 10 of the DOC inmates are expected to be transferred to State facilities subject to a negative COVID test; jail inmates will be using tablets for limited use as there are no visiting privileges during the COVID risk. Currently, there are 339 confirmed positive COVID cases and 13 deaths in CC; child care activities down, possibly that referrals from schools have been down therefore the staff have been doing more prevention outreach; CC approved the resolution to join the Michigan Public Safety Communications System (MPSCS), which is part of the 911 upgrade process; the BOC also approved a contract with Televate to complete a signal level test for CC to establish a baseline and locate

weak areas; BOC continues making budget adjustments as the effects of COVID continue to alter revenue and expenses; and pension funds remain at 99%, even with the earning projections reduction

- 2. Zoning Administrator's Report: Board members briefly discussed Ms. Foster's activity report.
- 3. <u>Clerk's Request for Additional Election Equipment:</u> Due to the volume of AV ballots, Clerk may possibly purchase a new EpollBook computer for the November Election. EpollBook was very slow-moving at times and November election will see more absentee ballot requests. Computer cost: \$500 \$650; add'l long table \$130.00 and possibly four more Plexi-glass shields @ \$75 each. A motion was made by S. Schafer, supported by V. Feldpausch to approve the Clerk's request for additional Election equipment up to \$1500. Motion carried.

### Public Comments:

It was noted by board members of recent concerns about the Dallas Twp Assessor. Clerk will contact Assessor regarding this.

## ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

There being no further business, a motion was made by T. Koenigsknecht, supported by E. Marvel to adjourn the meeting at 2:55 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Therese Koenigsknecht, Dallas Township Clerk

**Upcoming Events:** 

August 18, 2020 6:30 pm Public Hearing Zoning Board of Appeals – Farley

August 20, 2020 C.A.A.S.A. Board meeting

September 14, 2020 2:00 pm Dallas Twp Board Meeting