

DALLAS TOWNSHIP
Minutes of the Regular Monthly Board Meeting
January 6, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m.

Members	Arens, Gerry	Koenigsknecht, Therese	Schafer, Stephanie
Present:	Feldpausch, Vern	Schafer, Phil	
Guests :	Bunn, Angie – Essex Twp Clerk		Pohl, Dave – County Commissioner
	Farley, Ken		Rademacher, Jim & Nancy
	Farley, Kathy		Rademacher, John
	Ferguson, Rex – Essex Twp. Trustee		Schafer, Deb – Bengal Twp. Clerk
	Lippard, Peggy – Dallas Township Assessor		Wieber, Ken
	Patterson, Chris – Township Attorney		

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: Listed above.

Minutes of Meeting – December 2, 2014: **A motion was made by P. Schafer, supported by G. Arens to approve the minutes from the December 2nd monthly board meeting. Motion carried.**

Minutes of Special Meeting with Bengal, Dallas & Essex Township Boards – December 11, 2014: **A motion was made by G. Arens, supported by P. Schafer to approve the minutes from the December 11th Special Meeting. Motion carried.**

Minutes of Special Meeting – Dallas Twp. Board December 11, 2014: **A motion was made by P. Schafer, supported by G. Arens to approve the minutes from the Special Township Board meeting held on December 17th. Motion carried.**

Additions or Correction to Agenda/Approval of Agenda: P. Schafer asked to add under New Business questions regarding Jones Road maintenance issue. **A motion was made by G. Arens, supported by P. Schafer to approve the agenda with one addition. Motion carried.**

Approval of Bills: There was one bill added for the CC Treasurer, Drains at Large. **A motion was made by G. Arens, supported by P. Schafer to approve the payment of the following bills. Motion carried.**

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Expense Description</u>
Clinton County Clerk's Office	791.41	Programming & Ballot Expenses for August & November Elections
Clinton County Treasurer's Office	4083.21	2014 Drain At Large Assessment
Fahey, Schultz, Burzych, Rhodes, PLC	1816.96	Professional services through 12-29-2014 Invoice #25802
Fahey, Schultz, Burzych, Rhodes, PLC	1172.00	Professional services through 12-29-2014 Invoice #25803
Village of Fowler	<u>300.00</u>	Yearly contribution towards Village Parks & Snow Removal
Total of General Fund Bills	\$ 8,163.58	
Comlink	110.09	Telephone \$44.54; Internet/Cable \$65.55
Consumers Energy	211.00	257 S. Main Street - Electric: \$77.44 Gas: \$140.02
Dave Feldpausch, Secretary, Treasurer	350.00	Continuing Education - Brad Chartrand
Dave Feldpausch, Secretary, Treasurer	85.61	Batteries @ Walmart
Dave Feldpausch, Secretary, Treasurer	21.65	Sparkplugs from CarQuest
Dave Feldpausch, Secretary, Treasurer	91.20	Sparkplug & Backup 25 ft Chain
Dave Feldpausch, Secretary, Treasurer	420.50	Howell Rescue Systems - Jaws Hose
Dave Feldpausch, Secretary, Treasurer	153.28	Boundtree - TB Serum
Lyon's Township	350.00	Rescue on 11/28/14 @ West Townsend Road, Fowler, MI
Schmitz Service	5.64	Fuel for December
The Hundred Club	<u>100.00</u>	2015 Annual Membership Dues
Total amount of FD checks on 1/7/2015	\$ 1,898.97	
<u>Check Run on 1/21/2015</u>		
Nelson's Speed Shop	<u>\$ 8,985.98</u>	2015 Polaris Gator (Will be paid out of Grant Money & FD Emergency Fund)
Total of Fire Fund Bills	\$ 10,884.95	

REPORTS:

Fire Dept: V. Feldpausch stated things are quiet in the Fire Department; working on tanker.

Clerk: T. Koenigsknecht stated she has completed the 4th quarter Elected & Planning Officials payroll; re-typed Assessor's contract and minutes from 3 meetings; balanced 941 and W2's and preparing to mail W2s out.

Treasurer: G. Arens stated he collected \$405,993 in taxes; still has a delinquent from 2013 and will take paperwork to the Courts.

Supervisor: V. Feldpausch stated he's working on the DNR grant for ORV that will be purchased.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Wind Turbines: Legal counsel stated all provisions were struck down by the Court of Appeals; Dallas Township has requested a rehearing for clarification of what was denied and this has been filed with the Courts. The response was just filed by Forest Hills Energy so it should be heard soon. Legal counsel should be hearing something within 2-6 months.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. County Commissioners Report: Commissioner Pohl stated the reorganization meeting was yesterday; officers remained the same. County is on the plus side financially; pension fund is in good shape; funds have been set aside to pay off the MMDHD; Rails to Trail having turnover on board members; and motorized vehicles seem to be a problem on the trails.

2. Dallas Twp. Planning Commission Ordinance #8-2015: Chris Patterson, attorney for the township, stated a new planning act was passed in 2008 which has some requirements in it; this planning act states that an actual Ordinance would have to be adopted. At the time Dallas Township established their Planning Commission (1983), a Resolution was adopted and not an Ordinance. Due to the planning act in 2008, Dallas Township will now have to adopt an Ordinance re-establishing the Planning Commission. In that Planning Commission Ordinance, a Conflict of Interest policy will also be included. There are no penalties for not passing this Ordinance by that date.

A motion was made by S. Schafer, supported by G. Arens to approve Dallas Twp Planning Commission Ordinance #8-2015. Roll call was taken by the Clerk: Schafer, S. - yes; Feldpausch - yes; Schafer, P - yes; Arens - yes; and Koenigsknecht - yes. Ordinance passed unanimously.

G. Arens made a motion, supported by P. Schafer to go into closed session to consider confidential legal advice. A roll call vote was taken by the Clerk: Feldpausch - yes; Schafer - yes; G. Arens - yes; P. Schafer - yes; T. Koenigsknecht - yes. Motion passed.

S. Schafer made the motion, supported by G. Arens to leave the closed session. Motion carried.

After extensive discussion with the township legal counsel, ***S. Schafer made the motion, supported by G. Arens to direct the Dallas Township Planning Commission to consider an Interim Zoning Ordinance and provide recommendations to the Township Board within 60 days. Motion carried.***

3. C.A.A.S.A Capital Budget 2015-16: V. Feldpausch stated the bad debt write off wasn't as high this past year and discussion followed. ***V. Feldpausch made a motion; supported by P. Schafer to accept the Capitol Budget for CAASA 2015-16. Motion carried.***

4. C.A.A.S.A. Budget for 2015-16: ***G. Arens made a motion, supported by S. Schafer to accept the 2015-16 CAASA Budget. Motion carried.***

5. Township Assessor's Contract: Peggy Lippgard attended the meeting and signed her contract with Dallas Township.

6. Jones Road: V. Feldpausch was called by CCRC Supervisor regarding maintenance of this road. Discussion followed and V. Feldpausch will speak to CCRC staff regarding this problem.

Public Comments:

K. Wieber asked if the Planning Commission Ordinance goes into effect the day of publication to which legal counsel stated it does. D. Pohl stated there are a couple of items the township board will have to look at before establishing a zoning ordinance such as land use plans. He also stated that a neighboring township budgeted for their 2013 zoning expenses in the area of \$16,000. He also stated the township will have to be cognitive to designate all of the areas for a variety of uses such as multi-family units, mobile home parks, etc... He stated the most contentious issues in a township revolve generally around planning and zoning. Jim & Nancy Rademacher thanked the township board for looking out for the residents of the township and that whatever

happens here and around Fowler, affects all of the people in this community and the future of this community. Deb Schafer thanked the township for all of the time and effort they have put into this issue. Ken Wieber also thanked the Board for listening to him over the years and what the Board did tonight is making a choice of Fowler's feature

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

There being no further business, a motion was made by G. Arens, supported by V. Feldpausch to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Therese Koenigsnecht, Dallas Township Clerk

Upcoming Events:

January 15, 2015 C.A.A.S.A Board Meeting

January 21, 2015 C.C.O.A. Meeting @ Dewitt Township

February 3, 2015 Dallas Township Monthly Board Meeting

February 4, 2015 Dallas Township Planning Commission Public Hearing