

DALLAS TOWNSHIP
Minutes of the Regular Monthly Board Meeting
July 8, 2014 @ 7:00 p.m.

Members: Arens, Gerry Koenigsknecht, Therese Schafer, Stephanie
Present: Feldpausch, Vern Schafer, Phil
Guests: Farley, Kenny – Township resident
Farley, Kathy – Township resident
Pohl, Dave – County Commissioner
Pung, Clare & Eunice

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 Last Meeting – July 8, 2014: **A motion was made by P. Schafer, supported by G. Arens to approve the minutes from the June 3, 2014 meeting. Motion carried.**

Additions or Correction to Agenda/Approval of Agenda: T. Koenigsknecht requested to add #2 – MML Work Comp Trustee ballot to New Business & #3 – Purchase Agreement of 2.5 acre Township Lot. **A motion was made by P. Schafer, supported by V. Feldpausch to approve the agenda with the one addition. Motion carried.**

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

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Expense Description</u>
Gerry Arens	33.44	Certified letter & add'l postage for taxes
Clinton County Road Commission	3320.12	Gravel - Dexter Trail - Jones to Grange, Invoice #9843
Clinton County Road Commission	3361.80	Gravel - Tallman Road - Parks to Townsend, Invoice #9847
Clinton County Road Commission	3352.74	Gravel - Jones Road - Taft to Parks, Invoice #9848
Consumers Energy	74.00	Electric: \$34.20 Gas \$16.41, 225 S. Main Street (BUDGET PLAN)
Countryside Accounting	402.50	5.75. hours on 6/11/14 - Prior Year Checks, Accrued Wages/FICA
ElectionSource	270.00	2015 State of MI Contract-Optech Tabulator \$240 & Test Deck \$30
Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes PLC	119.05	Professional Services thru May 31, 2014
Fowler Postmaster	34.00	Roll of postcard stamps - 100 count
Jet Speed Printing	261.20	1000 Perf. Paper \$36.40/900 Newsletters, 500 Perf Paper & 1000 Env. \$224.80
Jet Speed Printing	8.45	Copy of Oversized Election Test Deck & 2 Mtg Flyers Laminated
Therese Koenigsknecht	<u>92.50</u>	Add'l stamps - To Send Out Oversized Absentee Ballots
Total of General Fund Bills	\$11,329.80	
Angie Hufnagel, Sec/Treasurer	38.80	Tri-County Emergency Medical Forms
Angie Hufnagel, Sec/Treasurer	59.00	Theis Party Store - Water & Gatorade for Firefighters (Dexter Trail Fire)
Chrouch Communications, Inc.	3626.00	7 M6 Pagers \$3206.00 & 3-Year RSA \$420.00
Comlink	111.64	Internet/Cable \$65.55; Telephone \$46.09 - due June 10, 2014
Comlink	110.17	Internet/Cable \$65.55; Telephone \$44.62 - due July 10, 2014
Consumers Energy	211.00	Electric: \$81.38; Gas: \$15.55, 257 S. Main Street, (BUDGET PLAN)
Schmitz Service	343.91	May 2014 Diesel \$69.56 & June 2014 Diesel \$274.35
Southeast Equipment Inc.	311.40	Valve Body, Cover, Lens & Shipping
Total of Fire Fund Bills	\$ 4,811.92	

Public Comments:

No comments.

REPORTS:

Fire Dept: V. Feldpausch stated there was another meeting with the chassis company with possibly trading in the old tanker; awaiting a bid from another company. Fire Dept. has been very busy and nearing the mid-60's in run totals; a grant was written by the FD for a \$5000 grant for an off-road vehicle.

Clerk: T. Koenigsknecht worked with Patti Schafer on June 11th to prepare for upcoming audit preparation; 2nd quarter payroll; election training on June 18th; preliminary test and many hours on Election work.

Treasurer: G. Arens stated tax collections have begun, delinquent personal property tax letter went unclaimed; Treasurer will be gone from July 21 – 30th and will have everything paid out by the time he leaves; discussed disgruntled taxpayer upset that Township Assessor did not return his calls.

Supervisor: V. Feldpausch stated he handled many calls from disgruntled taxpayer regarding lack of chloride on the roads; working with CC Road Commission on blown out tiles in the township; and more land divisions throughout Clinton County.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Wind Turbines: Ken Wieber sent an email to T. Koenigsknecht on June 22nd with a letter from a McBain woman regarding ill and asked that this letter be entered into the official July township minutes (page 3); the wind turbine lawsuit is still in the appeals process and the Oral Arguments will be heard next Wednesday, July 16th at 11:00 am in the Hall of Justice in Lansing, MI. Township Board asked Clerk to forward Ken Wieber letter to Bill Fahey.

2. Hall Rental Policy: Tabled.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. County Commissioner Report: Mobile homes were finally moved out of Capitol Crossings Park; heard that Drain Office is looking into water situation; Eaton County approved putting on the ballot a 1.5 mill for the roads and asked the township board how they felt about Clinton County doing this; Rails to Trails is progressing very well between Grange and Hinman Roads.

2. MML – Work Comp Trustee positions: T. Koenigsknecht disbursed a mailing from MML which states that three (3) people (incumbents) are running for three (3) trustee positions on the Work Comp ballot, for a two (2) year term beginning October 1, 2014. ***A motion was made by V. Feldpausch supported by S. Schafer to support the three (3) incumbents for the Board of Trustees election through the MML. Motion carried.***

3. Purchase Agreement – Purchase of 2.5 Acre Lot: V. Feldpausch asked the interested party in attendance if they could wait one month before acting on the sale of this lot as he will contact Lori (Pettit) Hartley regarding this. ***V. Feldpausch motioned, supported by P. Schafer to table this until the August meeting. Motion carried.***

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

There being no further business, a motion was made by V. Feldpausch, supported by G. Arens to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Therese Koenigsknecht, Dallas Township Clerk

Due to Primary Election on Tuesday, August 5th, the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 12th @ 7:00 p.m.

Therese, Deb,

I just received this from Kevon Martis, thought the letter from the lady in McBain would be a great reminder to both boards as to why we must keep fighting. Please forward this to the other board members and enter a copy into the official minutes.

Thanks,

Ken Wieber

Good Morning IICC Supporters!

The letter below appeared in the Cadillac News this week.

As you know, wind leaseholders take a risk when speaking out about the ill effects of wind development due to “gag clauses” in the lease language.

I applaud the courage of this lady for speaking truth.

There are those who would say “I would rather a wind plant than a nuclear power plant in my back yard!”

But the truth is that nuclear power plants only harm people when they malfunction.

Wind plants harm people when they are operating normally.

And another question arises: what is the right percentage mandate for devices that continue to cause this harm to Michigan’s rural residents?

Bottom line: MI has spent \$2.5 billion on wind + transmission to have reduced coal emissions by a few percent at best.

That same money spent on clean burning gas-fired generation could have cut our PM2.5 and Hg emissions by HALF while reducing CO2 emissions by 25%.

What kind of environmental return is that?

BTW: Heritage is busily attempting to build more wind projects in the state with similar setbacks to those in McBain, despite a demonstrable track record of failing to protect our rural residents.

It is an injustice to use zoning policy to award private property to industrial wind developers for use as nuisance and safety buffers with neither consent nor compensation.

Sincerely,

Kevon Martis
Director

“I signed a wind turbine lease in 2008. If I had known then what I know now, I wouldn’t have signed.

Since the turbines went up I have had frequent headaches lasting three days. I never had these before. My mother has ringing in her ears and headaches. I have spoken to others in the community who have been affected by the turbines. One has dizzy spells. Another does not feel healthy until she leaves McBain. They are now planning on moving, but have been told by realtors that they will have trouble selling their home because of the turbines.

Because it takes so long for the entire wind farm to become operational, the signs of how the turbines worsen health and quality of life take a long time to be noticed. One person I talked with thought her dizziness was “just getting older,” but this person is young.

Why hasn’t anyone spoken out before? People are afraid of being shunned. They don’t want anyone to know they are having problems.

Is money more important than health? Is this what we gave away for \$10,000 a turbine and monthly payments, with leases that will never end? We gave up our beautiful community, we are giving up our health, our electric bills have risen, and there doesn’t seem to be anyway out except leaving.

The wind companies have talked to people in McBain and I believe they know there are problems with noise and with health. Why don’t they take action? Why didn’t they tell us about the health problems before we signed leases?

I now believe that the only safe place for turbines is at least a mile and a half from anyone’s home.”

Dianne Ziegler
McBain MI

http://www.cadillacnews.com/other_story/?story_id=1819320&issue=20140619&year=2014