

DALLAS TOWNSHIP
Minutes of the Regular Monthly Board Meeting
June 3, 2014 @ 7:00 p.m.

Members: Arens, Gerry Koenigs knecht, Therese Schafer, Stephanie
Present: Feldpausch, Vern Schafer, Phil

Guests: Farley, Kenny – Township resident
Farley, Kathy – Township resident
Mitchell, Dru – CCEA Executive Director
Morrison, Sara – Briggs Public Library
Pohl, Dave – County Commissioner

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 – May 6, 2014: **A motion was made by G. Arens, supported by P. Schafer to approve the minutes from the May 6, 2014 meeting. Motion carried.**

Additions or Correction to Agenda/Approval of Agenda: V. Feldpausch requested to add #5 – Spot Gravel. **A motion was made by S. Schafer, supported by V. Feldpausch to approve the agenda with the one addition. Motion carried.**

Approval of Bills: **A motion was made by V. Feldpausch supported by P. Schafer to approve the payment of the following bills. Motion carried.**

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Expense Description</u>
Burnham & Flower Agency Inc.	3798.90	Twp Insurance GF (Michigan Township Par Plan)
Clinton Area Ambulance Service	3483.00	Yearly Contribution (\$3.00 per capita includes Village of Fowler)
Clinton County Economic Alliance	1000.00	Yearly Contribution
Consumers Energy	384.20	225 S. Main Street, Budget Plan True Up Bill (4/10/14 - 5/9/14)
Countryside Accounting	175.00	May 12, 2014 assistant with cash receipts & journal entries
Election Source	59.00	Memory Pack Battery for Memory Pack
Fahey, Schultz, Burzych & Rhodes	2335.18	Professional Services through 4/30/14
John Hancock	1255.00	Quarterly Contributions (payroll period ending 6/30/14)
Michigan Township Association	1275.08	MTA Dues & Legal Defense (7/1/14 - 6/30/15)
Printing Systems, Inc.	<u>233.54</u>	AV Applications and Secrecy Envelopes
Total of General Fund Bills	\$13,998.90	
Burnham & Flower Agency Inc.	7055.10	Twp Insurance FD (Michigan Township Par Plan)
Burnham & Flower Agency Inc.	3566.00	Provident VOLF Insurance - Firefighter Coverage
Comlink	111.82	Internet \$65.55 and Phone \$46.27
Consumers Energy	324.34	257 S. Main Street, Budget Plan True-Up Bill (4/10/14 - 5/9/14)
Emergency Vehicle Services, Inc.	436.25	Engine #71 Primer Motor & Solenoid
Schmitz Service	<u>134.60</u>	April Diesel for Fire Trucks
Total of Fire Fund Bills	\$11,628.11	

Public Comments:

No comments.

REPORTS:

Fire Dept: V. Feldpausch stated activity is pretty quiet in the Fire Department.

Clerk: T. Koenigsknecht worked on journal entries and budget amendments on May 12th with Patty Schafer; phone conference with Larry Cleaver from BFG regarding Par Plan insurance; printed and sent out 285 absentee ballot applications and worked on test deck for August 5th election.

Treasurer: G. Arens stated he's still working on collecting the one personal delinquent; he conferred with Auditor Bill Tucker regarding FD public improvement fund; Mr. Tucker stated since FD funds are restricted and earmarked, no reason to set up a public improvement fund; attended summer of 2014 tax seminar last Thursday and collecting taxes starting on July 1st; and getting items around for the audit in mid-July.

Supervisor: V. Feldpausch stated he's working on a lot of land divisions; handled some complaints of dusty roads and working with CCRC on gravel contracts to finalize.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Wind Turbines: The township board discussed various options regarding the township planning and zoning. The wind turbine lawsuit is still in the appeals process.
2. Hall Rental Policy: This continues to be a work in progress.
3. Fire Department Cost Analysis: Lebanon Township fire and rescue contracts were discussed. Township Board members felt since Lebanon Twp pays \$1850 for standby fee and Bengal pays \$5500 for standby fee, that the Lebanon Twp. contract should be increased slightly. ***A motion was made by S. Schafer supported by G. Arens to increase the standby fee for Lebanon from \$1850 per year to \$2000; and increase to \$1200 for the first 2 hours and \$500 for each additional hour. The minimum fee shall be \$1200. Motion carried.***

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Briggs Public Library – Sara Morrison: Ms. Morrison distributed the annual report, which was from 2012-13. There were 549 registered patrons from Dallas Township that used the library and the library continues to advertise in the Clinton County News, SJ City channel and also on Facebook.
2. Clinton County Economic Alliance – Dru Mitchell: Ms. Mitchell disseminated the 2014 Strategic Goals which included business development within Clinton County. Her goal is towards attraction and marketing, entrepreneurship and increasing CCEA profile and presence in the Lansing Region.
3. Resolution Establishing Dallas Twp Election Receiving Board 2014-#3: T. Koenigsknecht stated that recent election law, MCL 168.679a, requires that all townships establish receiving boards to ensure recount ability of election precincts. Dallas Township will have 2 representatives each from the Democratic and Republican parties. ***A motion was made by V. Feldpausch, supported by S. Schafer to Establish a Receiving Board in Dallas Township. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Arens, P. Schafer, V. Feldpausch, T. Koenigsknecht and S. Schafer. Motion carried.***
4. County Commissioners Report: Commissioner Pohl reported that the Rails to Trail project is underway; discussed Motz Park; vegetation plan to the south will be planted into prairie grass and no plans out there for trails. He also discussed problems at Eagle Mobile Home Park; started budget process with County department heads and they approved millage renewal that will be on the ballot.
5. Spot Gravel Contract: V. Feldpausch stated it is a typical contract and it has 800 tons of spot gravel. ***A motion was made by V. Feldpausch supported by S. Schafer to accept the CCRC contract for spot gravel. Motion carried.***

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

There being no further business, a motion was made by V. Feldpausch, supported by P. Schafer to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm. Motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 8th @ 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Koenigsknecht, Dallas Township Clerk