

**DALLAS TOWNSHIP
Minutes of the Regular Monthly Board Meeting
November 5, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m.**

Members Arens, Gerry Koenigsknecht, Therese
Present: Feldpausch, Vern Schafer, Phil

Absent: Schafer, Stephanie

Guests: Fahey, William – Township Attorney
 McGraw, Thomas – Attorney Assigned through HCC Claims
 Ferguson, Lynn – Essex Township Supervisor
 Schafer, Deb – Bengal Township Clerk
 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: Supervisor Feldpausch also recognized the guests listed above.

Minutes of Meeting – October 1, 2013: The board reviewed the meeting minutes. ***A motion was made by G. Arens supported by P. Schafer to approve the minutes from the October 1, 2013 monthly board meeting. Motion carried.***

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

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

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Expense Description</u>
Consumers Energy	70.00	225 S. Main, Electric: \$46.60 Gas: \$15.84 (Budget Plan)
Dale Thelen	50.00	Lawn mowing services, summer/fall of 2013
Fahey, Schultz, Burzych & Rhodes PLC	2506.00	Professional Services through 9/30/2013
Fowler Postmaster	38.00	Box rental for Township PO Box 297 - 1 year
John Hancock	45.00	Participate Fee - 7/1/13 to 9/30/13
Therese Koenigsknecht	59.95	Optech Battery - (purchased from BatteriesPlus, Lansing, MI)
Village of Fowler	<u>86.07</u>	225 S. Main, Water & Sewer charges
Total of General Fund Bills	\$ 2,855.02	
Alert-All	250.00	Patriotic Pack for School Children
Angela Hufnagel, Secretary/Treasurer	650.00	Paid Dewitt Twp Fire #1368 for Kent Weber MFR classes
Angela Hufnagel, Secretary/Treasurer	7.88	Paid CAASA #1372 for Oral Glucose
BoundTree Medical	66.99	Aplisol, TB test, 1 Vial for 10 tests
ComLink	221.33	Internet/Cable \$131.10; Telephone \$90.23 (October & November bills)
Consumers Energy	178.00	257 S. Main, Electric: \$83.55 Gas: \$10.50 (Budget Plan)
Kent Weber	1360.84	MFR Classes (63 hrs @ \$15) & Mileage (736 miles @ .565 per mile)
Schmitz Mobil Service	177.08	Fuel for September (\$83.85) & October (\$93.23)
Village of Fowler	86.07	257 S. Main, Water & Sewer charges
Westphalia Township	<u>450.00</u>	One vehicle PI, Grange Rd, between Centerline & Taft Roads, 9/28/13
Total of Fire Fund Bills	\$ 3,448.19	

Public Comments:

No public comment.

REPORTS:

Fire Dept: V. Feldpausch stated that S. Goerge stepped down as Assistant Chief and V. Feldpausch is taking over effective November 1st. Still awaiting more bids on the tanker.

Clerk: T. Koenigsknecht stated she completed the Workers Compensation Payroll Audit; attended the motion in the Circuit Court regarding the wind turbines; fielded calls and emails from Dallas Township residents regarding wind turbine newspaper article and started fire department payroll.

Treasurer: G. Arens attended a treasurer's meeting at the courthouse and working on winter taxes. Due to the new law regarding foreclosed properties, this has slowed the process down for township treasurers.

Supervisor: V. Feldpausch worked on 2 land divisions; an Ag affidavit and working on grant from the Par Plan for the off-road vehicle. Spoke with Brian Betz from the CCRC and shared with him Board's displeasure with the late graveling of the township roads and attended an infrastructure management class.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Wind Turbines: **V. Feldpausch made a motion, supported by P. Schafer to close the regular meeting.** Township Attorney Bill Fahey and HCC Claims Attorney Tom McGraw were attendance to discuss the wind turbine lawsuit. **A motion was made by V. Feldpausch supported by P. Schafer to go into closed session @ 7:10 p.m., in order to discuss trial or settlement strategy in connection to the wind turbine ordinance, with specific litigation that may have an adverse financial affect on the township. A roll call vote was taken by the Clerk. P. Schafer – yes; G. Arens – yes; V. Feldpausch – yes; T. Koenigsknecht – yes. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by V. Feldpausch, supported by P. Schafer to leave the closed session at 8:10 pm and return to regular session.** The township board discussed their options and **T. Koenigsknecht made a motion, supported by G. Arens to move forward per the attorney's recommendation as discussed in the closed session. Motion carried.**

2. Township Hall Rental Policy: The township board discussed the hold harmless clause and a sample proposed agreement that was sent by insurance rep Larry Cleaver, as well as examined the rental agreements from Bengal & Westphalia Townships. Since this continues to be work in progress; it was decided to table this item.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. County Commissioner Report: The Animal Shelter is up and operating, County adopted a balanced budget; an appraiser has been hired for the Equalization Department; not a lot of change on the Rails to Trail, however, constructions looks positive.

2. Maintenance Agreement with Bill Irrer, CCRC & Dallas Township: **A motion was made by V. Feldpausch, supported by P. Schafer to accept the Maintenance Agreement with Bill Irrer, CCRC & Dallas Township. Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

There being no further business, a motion was made by G. Arens, supported by P. Schafer to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 3rd @ 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Therese Koenigsknecht, Twp. Clerk

Upcoming Events:

- November 20, 2013 CCOA Meeting @ Road Commission**
- December 2, 2013 Dallas Township Planning Commission Meeting**
- December 3, 2013 Dallas Township Board Meeting**