

Supervisor Rick Speck called the regular meeting of the St. James Township Board to order at 7:30pm on July 7, 2010. Also present were Tim McDonough, Jim Wojan Ray Cole, and Jean Wierenga.

Motion by Wojan and seconded by Cole to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2010 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Cole and seconded by McDonough to approve the schedule of payments. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

All recent correspondence read by Speck.

Old Business:

Oil Bids: One bid received from Martin Gas & Oil for #2 fuel oil. The bid was \$3.19 a gallon. All tanks to be filled at this time, and then topped off in December. Motion made by Cole to accept the bid of \$3.19 a gallon from Martin Gas & Oil and seconded by Wierenga. Motion carried.

Grounds Maintenance Affidavit & Grounds Maintenance Contract: Jean Wierenga, Township Clerk and owner of Jean's Lawn Service submitted an affidavit seven days prior to meeting to the Supervisor showing she has financial interest in Grounds Maintenance Bid. Adam Wirth also submitted bid for the Grounds Maintenance. Motion was made by Cole and seconded by Wojan to award bid to Jean's Lawn Service as the bid was lower in all categories. Motion carried. Wierenga abstained.

Address Township's power to exercise control of NRETC: Speck contacted Township Attorney for a clarification if the Township Board has any control over the activities of the Natural Resources Eco Tourism Commission. Since it was not specifically spelled out in the agreement between the NRETC and the Board, at this time the Township Board does not have control. However, if necessary the agreement can be amended.

New Business:

Announcement of Board Members Affidavit & Announcement of Interest in Road Contract: Jim Wojan, Township Board member and bidder for road project has submitted his Affidavit for project.

Schedule Special meeting to act on Bids for Road Contract: Motion made by Cole and seconded by Wierenga to schedule meeting for July 15, 2010 at 7pm. Motion carried.

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Motion to approve transfer of Whiskey Island to DNRE in exchange for DNRE property on Harbor: Speck stated the deed has been recorded and sent back to St. James Township. Next step is to negotiate transfer of property. Motion made by Cole authorizing Supervisor Rick Speck to negotiate transfer of parcel of DNRE property on harbor on Beaver Island and seconded by Wojan. Motion carried.

Resolution to set Board of Review for July 23, 2010. This meeting is to correct errors of fact. Resolution: #10 – 1.

At a regular meeting of the ST. JAMES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES held on July 7, 2010, the ST. JAMES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES, on a motion made by R. Speck, and seconded by T. McDonough, passed the following resolution by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

WHEREAS, Public Act 122 of 2008, effective May 9, 2008 allows the Township Board by resolution to select an alternative starting date in July when the Board of Review shall initially meet.

WHEREAS, MCL 211.53b(7) provides the alternative starting date shall be during the week of the third Monday in July;

WHEREAS, the St. James Township board of Trustees deems that it is in the best interest of the township select an alternative starting date for the Board of Review for July 23, 2010 such that the Assessor will be available to assist the Board of Review on that date,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the St. James Township Board approves selection of **Friday July 23, 2010** as the date for the 2010 St. James Township July Board of Review.

Motion to contract with Krys Lyle to put Township Information on County Website: Krys Lyle will put minutes or any other information on County Website for St. James Township. Her fee is \$20/hr. Her estimation in total cost would be approximately \$200 per year. Motion by Cole to authorize a contract with Krys Lyle, cost not to exceed \$500 per year, to put information on County Website. Seconded by McDonough. Motion carried.

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Approve Amendment to Zoning Ordinance:

A parcel of property owned by James M. Connelly, Government Lot 4, Section 21, T.39, R10W, Tax Code Number 013-221-006-00 located on Indian Woods Road was approved by the St. James Township Planning Commission to be rezoned from A-Agricultural to R-2 Single Family. Next step is to come to Township Board for approval. Motion by Wojan and seconded by Wierenga to approve rezoning of above named property. Motion carried.

Board Comment & Public Comment:

Wierenga stated a complaint came from a citizen regarding unsightly grounds at Bonadeo property on the Harbor. Grass has not been cut all season. Board suggested Speck write a letter to Bonadeo urging him to clean up property.

Motion by Wojan to adjourn meeting at 8:40pm and seconded by Wierenga. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Wierenga, Clerk
St. James Township