

Supervisor Bill Haggard called the regular meeting of the St. James Township Board to order at 7pm on October 2, 2013. Also present were Jim Wojan, Tim McDonough, Rick Speck, and Jean Wierenga.

Motion by McDonough and seconded by Haggard to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2013 meeting as written. Motion carried.

Motion by Wojan and seconded by McDonough to approve the minutes of the special meeting held September 18, 2013 as written. Motion carried. The special meeting was held to open bids for the new roof at the Public Restrooms. The bid submitted by Steve Boyle was accepted, but because of medical reasons, he could not do the work. The bid submitted by KM Contractors was then accepted to do the roofing.

Motion by McDonough and seconded by Wierenga to accept the schedule of payments as presented. Motion carried. Questions arose as to why the propane tank at the Sheriff's residence was filed just before bids posted and who gave permission to fill? Haggard will report back to board with answers.

#### Reports:

Transfer Station Director has turned in letter of resignation effective 10/11/13.

#### Old Business:

Hall Heating System: The new heating system for the Township Hall is now being installed. The date for completion was to have been September 15, 2013, however, Mike Deurr of Beaver Island Electric stated he was not aware of the date for completion. He plans to be finished with work by the 4<sup>th</sup> of October.

Oil Tank: Bud Martin submitted a bid of \$475 to remove the oil tank. J. Wojan stated if the work was not completed within one week, he would remove it.

Update on Harbor Dredging: United Design Associates, who is handling all the paperwork in preparation for the dredging needs approval from the Board to proceed with the permit for the Corp of Engineers. The documents show a total of \$40,089 in fees to be paid, however the Township Board had been assured no local funds would be used on the project. Motion was made by Wojan to tentatively approve the contract with the understanding that Township not responsible for monies in contract. Seconded by Wierenga. Motion carried. Wojan will contact UDA on Thursday morning to get a clarification on the contract.

New Business:

St. James Township Greenspace (Lot at Donegal Bay): Kirk McBride with the Port St. James Property Owners Assn. is questioning what is meant by “Greenspace” the term used to define property (lots 168 and 169) owned by St. James Township on Donegal Bay Rd. as is shown in the new map of Beaver Island? It was explained by Ed Wojan, who helped prepare this new map, that it is land left in natural state, or called greenspace. The township has no plans to do anything with this land. Motion by Wojan that lots 168 and 169 are township property and board has no problem the lots being called greenspace. Seconded by Wierenga. Motion carried.

Lighthouse Fresnel Lens: A letter was received from the Coast Guard stating they will be removing the lens at the lighthouse, clean the lens, and put the lens in an environmentally controlled atmosphere. Not sure where the Coast Guard would take it, but could be to the state of Maryland. The board however, would like to have the lens remain here on the Island in St. James Township. A proper environmentally controlled display case could hold the lens here and displayed in the Township Hall. Since Don Vyse has spearheaded the entire Lighthouse project from the beginning, the board appointed Vyse as the spokesman for this project. He will put our concerns in writing in a letter to the Coast Guard. Motion was made by Wojan stating yes the lens should be removed, but remain on Beaver Island in St. James Township for the people of Beaver Island and to be in close proximity to the lighthouse. Seconded by Speck. Motion carried. Roll Call Vote: All in favor.

Motion by Wierenga and seconded by Haggard to post for snow plow bids and to include in bid notice to repair grounds if torn up during plowing. Motion carried. Posting is for plowing at the Governmental Center and the Township Hall. Open bids at November meeting

Motion by Haggard and seconded by McDonough to post bids for Fuel Oil and LP gas. Motion carried. Open bids at November meeting.

Motion by Speck and seconded by Wierenga to appoint Ed Troutman to a three year term on the Beaver Island Transportation Authority Board. Motion carried. Wojan and McDonough abstained.

Public Comment: Haggard stated he will be off Island from October 10 thru October 29. Deputy Supervisor will be in office on Wednesday's.

Motion by Wierenga and seconded by Haggard to adjourn meeting at 8:35pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Wierenga, Clerk

