

Supervisor Rick Speck called the regular meeting of the St. James Township Board to order at 7:30pm on April 6, 2011. Also present were Jim Wojan, Tim McDonough, Ray Cole and Jean Wierenga.

Motion by Wierenga and seconded by Cole to approve the 2011-2012 Budget for St. James Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Cole and seconded by McDonough to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2011 as written. Motion carried.

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

Correspondence: All correspondence received during the month of March acknowledged by Supervisor.

#### Old Business:

Waste Water Treatment Refit: The deteriorating sewage tanks that are in need of being relined are not a result of poor construction when built 10 years ago. The sulfuric acid build up in the tanks is eating away the concrete, which was an unknown problem when built, so they must be drained and a protective coating put on each tank. The repairs must be done either in spring or fall when flow low, not during busy season. Speck recommends moving ahead with project this spring. A representative from the company that would do the repairs will be on Island soon to assess the repairs needed and give a firm price for the work. Motion was made by Cole authorizing Supervisor to get firm quote and proceed with project and seconded by Wojan. Motion carried.

#### New Business:

Dissolve and re-create Planning Commission and re-appoint Planning Commission Members: A change in the State Statute under the Michigan Planning Enabling Act requires the dissolution of existing Planning Commission which was created by the Township Planning Act 168 of the Public Acts of 1959. The new commission is to be created by ordinance under the provisions of the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, Act 33 of the Public Acts of 2008. Roll call vote all members approve the reformation of the Planning Commission under Ordinance #3 of 2011. Ordinance #4 of 2011, AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE A TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION PURSUANT TO ACT 33 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 2008, AS AMENDED, TO PROVIDE FOR ITS ORGANIZATION, AND TO DEFINE ITS POWERS AND DUTIES. Motion by Cole and seconded by McDonough to approve Ordinance #4. Roll call vote, all approved.

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EMS Air Emergency Transportation:

Director Sara McCafferty explained to board members their desire to hire a consultant to begin the process of describing the tasks and activities necessary to establish a fixed wing air ambulance program for Beaver Island. The EMS would incur the initial expenses for this project which amount to approximately \$5000.00 EMS is requesting the expertise of this consultant to begin the process of achieving compliance with the FAA and the state of Michigan regulations. Once this is accomplished, the hopes are that EMS can become a State approved licensed air transport agency. Motion made by Cole to authorize EMS to pursue consultant and get us licensed. Seconded by McDonough. Motion carried.

Post Planning Commission Opening:

A letter from member Travis Martin resigning creates an opening on the Planning Commission. Motion by Cole authorizing posting for Planning Commission member to serve for a two year term. Seconded by Wierenga. Motion carried.

Motion by Wojan and seconded by Wierenga to adjourn at 8:30pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Wierenga, Clerk