

Supervisor Rick Speck called the regular meeting of the St. James Township Board to order at 7:30pm on May 4, 2011. Also present were Jim Wojan, Tim McDonough, Ray Cole and Jean Wierenga.

Motion by McDonough and seconded by Cole to approve the minutes of April 6, 2011 meeting as written. Motion carried.

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

Correspondence: All recent correspondence read by Supervisor Speck.

Reports:

Jackie LaFreniere presented to the board the plans for the future control of the invasive phragmites. She stated a five year plan would be more effective than just a one year plan. This year her suggested plan is to do the GPS mapping and hire a chemical company to do spraying, as the DNR will no longer be a part of the bidding process. At this time she stated they are not aware how much of the previously sprayed areas have new growth. The funds for the eradication of the phragmites are held by Peaine Township. Motion made by Speck and seconded by Wojan to support the five year plan and authorize, if also approved by Peaine Township Board, to expend the necessary funds for this project. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Resolution Authorizing Installment Purchase Agreement for rehabilitation of WWT system septic tanks. Motion by Cole and seconded by McDonough to approve authorizing the installment purchase agreement Motion carried. Roll call vote followed: All in Favor.

Discuss appraisals of DNR and Whiskey Island properties. Speck stated Bill McDonough will be going to Lansing to meet with Russ Stokes of the DNR and the Governor and requests we wait one week and see what comes from this meeting. Board agreed. Motion made by Cole authorizing the Supervisor to contract appraisals of properties if necessary and seconded by Wojan. Motion carried.

Planning Commission Appointment: No letters of interest received to date, so will post again for another month.

New Business:

Discuss erecting volleyball nets on public beach playground property: Kerry Smith and Heather Cary presented to board their request to have a volleyball court on the public beach playground property. They are requesting monetary support from the board to get the nets and poles and hope with donations can pay back the money. The concrete for the poles will be donated. Liability at beach was questioned and contact will be made with Township Insurance Agent to find out if this would be covered in the existing Township

plan. Motion made by McDonough to give the go ahead for the project and donate \$400 will possible re-imbusement and seconded by Wierenga. Wojan opposed.

At 8:30pm regular meeting recessed and went into closed session. After a brief closed session regular meeting re-opened and at 8:38pm motion was made by Cole and seconded by Wierenga to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Wierenga, Clerk
St. James Township