

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

Motion by Cole and seconded by McDonough to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2011 meeting as written. Motion carried.

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

Correspondence:

Speck read a letter received from K. Taylor regarding a recent FOIA request. The request was for information about the sewer system. This information was not available from the Township Clerk, the FOIA Officer, so the request was forwarded on to Moore & Bruggink, the engineering firm for the sewer system. The firm returned to the Clerk the information requested for the system, which was then forwarded on to Taylor, with the invoice stating for preparation of these documents the total cost is \$186.44. Taylor stated he received more information than he wanted, plus the cost was excessive and he did not feel he should have to pay that amount. After considerable discussion by the board how to handle the outstanding invoice a motion was made by Wojan and seconded by Wierenga to go ahead and pay the \$186.44, since the invoice was made out to St. James Township. Motion carried.

Reports:

Cole stated a Harbor property owner has inquired whether it would be possible to hook into the existing sewer system. The property is located just beyond the Ray Matela on Main Street. The owner is exploring all options at this time and would like a cost estimate from the engineer. A motion was made by Cole and seconded by Speck to contact the engineers and get a rough cost estimate and design estimate. Motion carried.

Speck reported the GPS system for the Phragmite survey crashed so nothing further to report on this project at this time.

On July 22, 2011 the Board of Review will meet to update errors on the assessment roll. They will not be taking comments from property owners at this time.

New Business:

Mileage Re-imbursement Policy: With the increase cost of fuel a re-imbursement to a Township employee using their own vehicle on the job is being considered. A notification from the County Clerk stated a re-imbursement of .51 per mile is being paid at this time. Motion made by Cole and seconded by Wierenga for St. James Township to adopt the mileage re-imbursement policy. Motion carried.

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Amended and Restated Resolution to Establish the NRESC: (Natural Resources and Ecotourism Steering Committee)

Several board members from both Townships as well as others from the community met recently and made substantial changes to the NRESC. The committee will act as a committee of the Townships, reporting to each Township with recommendations for action. Any plan, regulations, laws, or ordinances proposed by the Steering Committee shall be presented to the public, the Planning Commissions of each Township, and the St. James and Peaine Township Boards, who shall be the decision-makers for their respective Townships. The Committee will give an annual report to a joint meeting of the Township Boards. Motion was made by Cole and seconded to adopt the amended and Restated NRESC. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Reservations at Municipal Yacht Dock: Questions arose again about taking reservations at the Municipal Yacht Dock. Nothing decided at meeting other than to agree for those interested in this process to do some further research.

Flag on Tower near St. James Township Hall: Jim Wojan stated he is investigating this as a crane is needed because of the height of the tower. Wojan is working with CMU to get this project done.

Bud Martin gave several suggestions to improve the area owned by the Township beyond the Lighthouse out to the waters edge. It would be necessary to update the 5year recreation plan before any improvements could be made.

Motion by Wojan and seconded by Speck to adjourn meeting at 8:50pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Wierenga, Clerk
St. James Township