

Clerk Jean Wierenga called the regular meeting of the St. James Township Board to order at 7:30pm on April 4, 2012 in the absence of Supervisor Rick Speck. The meeting was then turned over to Trustee Tim McDonough who chaired the meeting.

Motion by Wojan and seconded by Cole to adopt the proposed budget for 2012-2013. Motion carried.

Motion by Wojan and seconded by Cole to accept the minutes of the March 7, 2012 meeting as written. Motion carried.

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

Correspondence: None

Reports: Wierenga reported the fee of \$15 for the FOIA request was established several years ago by the board.

Old Business:

Drain Commissioner: Wojan is requesting that St. James Township Board go ahead and schedule a meeting with Mark Seeley, the Charlevoix County Drain Commissioner. Wojan stated he would discuss this with Supervisor as soon as he is back on Island, to set up a meeting.

New Business:

Possible Meeting with Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney tabled until May meeting.

Young, Graham, Elsenheimer, and Wendling, the law firm representing St. James Township is requesting approval of their new legal services contract for 2012. The new rate would be an hourly rate of \$140 for zoning services and an hourly rate of \$145 for non-zoning services. This is a \$10 increase over the last contract approved in 2009. Motion by Wojan and seconded by Cole to approve the additional \$10 raise and authorize Supervisor to sign contract. Motion carried.

Terrorism Coverage: An optional plan submitted by the Township Insurance Carrier for Terrorism coverage for the Township was discussed. Motion by Cole and seconded by Wierenga to decline coverage. Motion carried.

Lawn Service for 2012: McDonough stated the Affidavit, which is required by law, was turned in at 9am on March 28, seven days prior to the meeting by the Clerk, who is the owner of the lawn service business serving the township. Motion by Cole and seconded by Wojan to approve the renewal of the lawn service contract for 2012. Motion carried. Wierenga abstained.

Motion by Wojan and seconded by Wierenga to adjourn meeting at 7:46pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Wierenga, Clerk
St. James Township