

Supervisor Rick Speck called the regular meeting of the St. James Township Board to order at 7:30pm on January 4, 2012. Also present were Jim Wojan, Tim McDonough, Ray Cole, and Jean Wierenga.

Agenda Item Changes:

1. Delete re-appointment of Joan Vyse to Cemetery Bd.
2. Add re-appointment of Lori Souders to Library Bd.
3. Add Resolution to Approve Daniel Dedloff as new EMS Director

At this time B. Tidmore questioned if the above positions had been posted? Reply from Board they had not been posted.

Motion by Cole and seconded by McDonough to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2011 meeting as written. Motion carried.

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

Correspondence:

E-mail from Brad Riggs with AT&T stating a representative with company came to Island to observe Twp cell tower site and has submitted an option and lease agreement. Speck stated he forwarded paperwork on to Twp Attorney for review and copy to each Twp Board member.

Paperwork received from the law firm of Law & Weathers stating the judgment had been signed on December 28, 2011 by presiding judge regarding the airport law suit case.

Letter read from Sara McCafferty current director of the EMS stating she is resigning as of April 1, 2012 and is proposing the Board approve the appointment of Danielle Dedloff to fill the position.

Reports:

Pete Plastrik stated the St. James Township Recreation Plan is now complete and will need to go to the DNR by mid February.

Old Business:

Motion by Cole and seconded by McDonough to set January 23, 2012 at 7pm as the date for a joint Twp. meeting with M. Slattery regarding the air ambulance service. Motion carried. Meeting to be held in St. James Township Hall.

New Business:

Discussion of option & structure lease agreement with AT&T for lease of the St. James cell tower: Speck stated no reply back as of meeting time on the proposed agreement he had forwarded to Attorney for review. The proposed contract is a one year option which AT&T would pay \$500 and if not exercise option first year would like to extend to 2<sup>nd</sup>

year. AT&T only needs 15ft space on tower taking higher ground. They will also need to expand fence area for a larger building 12X20ft. The existing building is 10X12ft. The lease agreement would be for five years and renewable and at each renewal there would be a 10% increase in cost of the lease. At this time the proposed lease would be \$1,500 a month. The expense of the new building, additional fence, and any equipment would be the responsibility of AT&T. The tower structure or maintenance of, is the responsibility of the Township. Motion made by Cole to give Supervisor the authority to further negotiate the option and sign lease agreement with AT&T once it comes back from Attorney. Seconded by McDonough. Motion carried.

Re-appoint J. McDonough, E. Troutman, and D.Connaghan to the Board of Review: Motion by Wierenga and seconded by Cole to approve the appointments. Motion carried.

Request from Stoney Acre Grill for a new Entertainment Permit as required by the MI Liquor Control Commission: Motion by Wojan and seconded by Wierenga to approve request. Motion carried.

Library Bd. re-appointment tabled until February meeting. Motion by Wojan and seconded by Cole to post for the opening. Motion carried.

EMS appointment: Motion by Speck to approve the appointment of Danielle Dedloff as Director of EMS and seconded by Cole. Motion carried. Cole expressed a thank you to Sara McCafferty for her service as the present director.

Board Comment: McDonough relayed a message from Fred Walstrom regarding the possibility of a boat regatta coming to Beaver Island the first week of August 2012. Walstrom is requesting reservations be allowed at the Municipal Yacht Dock for as many as 40 to 50 boats. A meeting will be planned later in January with the Dock Committee and Jim White, Harbormaster, to discuss this request.

Public Comment: The Island owes a great debt to Ed and Willie Welter for construction of the towers.

Motion by Wojan to adjourn meeting at 8:07pm and seconded by Speck. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Wierenga, Clerk