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

Motion by McDonough and seconded by Cole to approve the public hearing minutes of February 1, 2012 as well as the regular meeting minutes same date. Motion carried.

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

Correspondence: All correspondence properly acknowledged by Speck. Three of the letters were discussed at this time.
1. FOIA request fees: Clerk will check on current rates thru MTA.
2. Phragmities Coordinator: Post for position
3. Continued surcharge on Great Lakes Energy statements. Will be researched further.

Reports: Clerk announced that Waste Management Committee had approved the appointment of Don Welke as new Manager for the Transfer Station. Jim Wojan questioned why the final decision of the Manager did not come before both Township Boards. Final approval for the position is not in the by-laws of the Committee. It was then suggested the by-laws be changed so in the future, the final decision comes before the Township Boards.

Old Business:
Speck announced Joint Public Hearing on Air Evacuation with M. Slattery is scheduled for March 8th at 7:00pm at St. James Township Hall.

New Business:
--Speck distributed copies of the proposed township budget for 2012-2013 at meeting. Copies are also available for review on BINN and at Supervisor’s office.
--Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting: March 24, 2012 at 2pm was the date and time set for the budget hearing and annual meeting.
--Appoint St. James member for a (3) year term to the Beaver Island Airport Committee. Motion made by Speck and seconded by McDonough to appoint Elaine West from St. James Township to serve on the airport committee. Motion carried.
--Appoint member to Planning Commission to fill remainder of Jayne Bailey’s term expiring 1/1/13. Motion by Wojan and seconded by Cole to appoint Linda McDonough to the Planning Commission with term expiring in 2013. Motion carried.
--Resolution: BOR shall base asset level test for Homestead Poverty Exemption for 2012 as set by the Poverty Guidelines set by the US Health & Human Services. A resolution is already on the books, but it must be updated to conform to this year’s poverty guidelines. Motion by Speck and seconded by Wierenga to approve. Motion carried. Roll call vote followed. All in favor.
--Write a letter of support for Charlevoix County Road Commission, which is applying for a federal TIGER grant. Also restate the Township’s willingness to donate land behind the Transfer Station for construction of new county garage. The building would house the road commission, sheriff’s dept. and county transit. Motion by Cole to authorize Supervisor to write letter of support to CCRC in favor of TIGER grant and seconded by Wojan. Motion carried.

--Discuss setting a joint meeting to meet with the Charlevoix County Drain Commissioner and have him make a presentation on the new storm water ordinance. No reply back from Peaine Supervisor to set a meeting date.

Public Comment:
Cole stated as he has been contacting our younger people about serving on the various committees or running for office, they are not interested because of all the negativity that is so directed at the current people serving. He stated there is a real need to try and correct this and try to fix this concept or the Island will be in trouble in the future. The younger people feel this perception will only hurt their reputation and or business.

Connie Wojan asked if any money allotted in proposed new budget for bike path repair. Speck stated some patching will be done as soon as weather conditions allow.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Wierenga, Clerk
St. James Township