

Supervisor Bill Haggard called the regular meeting of the St. James Township Board to order at 7:30pm on February 6, 2012. Also present were Jim Wojan, Tim McDonough, and Jean Wierenga. Ray Cole was absent.

Motion by McDonough and seconded by Wojan to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on January 2, 2013 and the special meeting held on January 14, 2013 as written. Motion carried.

Motion by Wojan and seconded by Wierenga to approve the schedule of payments. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None

Reports:

Bob Tidmore reported on a recent seminar he attended in Traverse City about the low water level on Lake Michigan.

Reminder from Wojan that St. James Township needs to get the permit in for dredging at the Municipal Yacht Dock.

Wojan reported that Verizon is requesting space on township tower for an antenna. This would be in addition to the space already approved for AT&T to place an antenna on tower. He also asked for permission from board to send lease paperwork he received from Verizon to township attorney for review. Motion by Wojan and seconded by Haggard approving request. Motion carried.

Wojan reported on airport commission meeting held on January 26th regarding the terminal design. Commission also worked on their proposed budget for upcoming year. Wojan also reported he will be going to Lansing on February 12 to try and secure more funds for the terminal project.

Old Business:

Heating System in Township Hall: Haggard stated he is getting estimates on replacing the heating system in hall. Nothing further at this time.

EMS Financial Assistance: Haggard will meet with the director of the EMS, Danielle Dedloff and EMT Joe Moore to come with a possible plan for Financial Assistance. Haggard also will contact Peaine Twp Supervisor Bill Kohls to meet with them.

New Business:

BIHS Letter of Support: Beaver Island Historical Society is requesting a letter of support from St. James Township for a grant application. The BIHS wants to place small historical signs around the harbor identifying specific historical sites. Signs would be 12”X16”. Motion by Haggard and seconded by McDonough to write letter of support. Motion carried.

Top of MI Trails: Information limited as to the plans for improving the bike trails around the Island, as spokesperson Bill McDonough was not at meeting to explain. Volunteers will be coming to Island in April to do the work and each township is asked to put in \$2,500 towards materials and signs for the project. A joint committee will oversee the operations. The members already named from St. James Township are Marie Shimmeneto, Eric Hodgson, and Phil Becker. Motion was made by McDonough to put \$2,500 into budget for project, but need more information about the project and exactly who all the members are on the committee. Motion seconded by Wojan. Motion carried.

Charlevoix Leadership Program/Ann Partridge: Ann Partridge explained the Charlevoix Leadership Program and what it is doing and its goals. She stated Karen Johnson is the Island representative on the program. They are requesting financial support from the Township, however Michigan Township Law does not allow for money to be given to a private organization. It was suggested by Board to seek private donations.

Beaver Island Rural Health Center Appointment: Jim Wojan submitted his letter of interest to serve on the BIRHC Board as the Township Board representative. Motion by Haggard and seconded by Wierenga to appoint J. Wojan as representative from the Township Board. Motion carried.

Board Authorization to allow Twp Attorney to assist in process of removing old delinquent property taxes from roll: Any delinquent personal property taxes for 2006 are required to be stricken from the tax rolls according to the Charlevoix County Treasurer. Our Township Attorney will assist with this process with township board authorization. Motion by Wojan and seconded by Haggard to approve Attorney assist with tax removal. Motion carried.

Planning Commission Appointment: Nothing further to be done at this time.

Salary Resolution: A resolution to establish township officers salary must be adopted by the board at least 30 days prior to holding an annual meeting. The following resolutions were passed:

Motion by McDonough and seconded by Wierenga to set Supervisor salary at \$14,267. Motion carried. Haggard abstained.

Motion by Wojan and seconded by McDonough to set Clerk salary at \$15,534. Motion carried. Wierenga abstained.

Motion by Wierenga and seconded by Haggard to set Treasurer salary at \$14,267. Motion carried. Wojan abstained.

Motion by Wierenga and seconded by Haggard to set salary for Trustees at \$4,421 each. Motion carried. McDonough abstained.

NRESC Annual Report tabled at this time.

Budget Plans: For General Fund expenses: \$6,500 for the engineering study for the Beaver Island Harbor Development project; \$2,500 for the Top O' MI Trails; \$6,500 for new heating system for Township Hall; and also possible work at Township campground. For Road Fund: Possible purchase of gravel for some township roads. McDonough presented his proposed budget for the Fire Department. Included in budget are repairs to fire barn in town. A representative to be on Island soon from Preston Feather, to give an estimate on total cost for repairs.

Haggard stated a new computer is needed for the Township office. Rather than wait until new budget is in place Wojan made a motion to go ahead and purchase a computer at this time. Motion seconded by Wierenga. Motion carried.

Motion by Wojan and seconded by Haggard to adjourn meeting at 8:45pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Wierenga, Clerk