

Supervisor Bill Haggard called the regular meeting of the St. James Township Board to order at 7:00pm on April 2, 2014. Also present were Jim Wojan, Don Tritsch, Rick Speck, and Jean Wierenga.

Motion by Wojan and seconded by Tritsch to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 5, 2014. Motion carried.

Motion by Tritsch and seconded by Haggard to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on March 10, 2014. Motion carried.

#### Reports:

Wierenga reported plans underway toward the purchase of a roll-off truck for the Transfer Station.

Motion made by Wierenga and seconded by Haggard to appoint Ernie Martin as the 7<sup>th</sup> member of the Waste Management Committee. Motion carried.

Speck reported the first grant application was submitted on time for the proposed boat launch, fishing pier project.

#### Old Business:

Library Board Appointment: Sally Lounsberry stated the present Library Board endorses the appointment of Kim Mitchell to the board. Motion was made by Speck and seconded by Tritsch to appoint Kim Mitchell to the Beaver Island District Library Board. Motion carried.

Board of Review Appointment: Wierenga stated even thou the Board of Review now has the three required members, a letter was received from Kathy Speck to serve on the BOR. Motion made by Wierenga and seconded by Haggard to appoint Kathy Speck as alternate to the BOR. Motion carried.

#### New Business:

Riley Justis, BICS, To Discuss Upcoming Millage on Ballot for May 6 School Election: Mr. Justis explained to the board the two ballot proposals for the upcoming election. The renewals are for two years.

Approve Gravel Purchase: Motion by Haggard and seconded by Wierenga to approve the purchase of 5000 tons of gravel @ \$8.00 /per ton from the Charlevoix County Road Commission. Motion carried.

Approval to Borrow from Road Fund for Sewer Loan Payment: Due to the sewer system freezing up this winter, and creating major expense for repairs, and more work to be done this year, the costs are extreme. The loan payment is due April 1 and not enough funds to cover both loan and repair costs at this time. Motion made by Wierenga and seconded by Wojan to borrow from Road Fund at this time. Motion carried. Haggard against. The board will need to

look at this fund and the sewer use rates now assessed in the very near future, to decide if rates need to be increased for those hooked up to the sewer.

NRESC requesting Cindy Ricksgers be added to NRESC Membership: The NRESC did not come back to the St. James Township Board with the changes to their NRESC Steering Committee, so therefore the board will not act on any new member until these changes are in place.

Zoning Administrator Doug Tilly to retire in June: Posting will be done for this opening with selection to be made at the May board meeting.

Discuss letter received from Joe Moore regarding future of EMS and the Services provided: Moore explained the most critical needs of the EMS at this time. Other than Moore the Island does not have another paramedic. Paramedic training will no longer be given here on Island. It is a 2 year college course. The Director and the Paramedic positions need to be filled. The numbers of EMT's available is down drastically. He feels an incentive pay should seriously be considered. Also the ambulance needs repair or consider another newer ambulance. Speck then stated money has been set aside in the 2014-2015 budget toward a newer ambulance and for repairs to what is here. Discussion followed on the formation of the Emergency Services Authority. Haggard stated he has been meeting with Peaine Twp Supervisor regarding the authority.

Use of Lighthouse Park by BICA on August 2<sup>nd</sup>: Motion by Tritsch and seconded by Haggard to allow use of the park for an outdoor concert and allow hookup at the Township Hall for electric.. Motion carried.

Board comments:

Haggard stated he is having B. Tidmore doing research on a new outhouse for the township campground.

Wojan stated all is in place for repairs to the Public Rest Rooms.

Wierenga will contact Township Engineer for information regarding cost to pave the parking area at the Governmental Center as requested by paving company.

Wojan stated the needed repairs to roof at Yacht Dock will need to bid out.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Wierenga, Clerk