

Supervisor Bill Haggard called the regular meeting of the St. James Township Board to order at 7:00pm on December 2, 2015. Also present were Jim Wojan, Kitty McNamara, Rick Speck and Jean Wierenga.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Wojan and seconded by Speck to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2015 meeting as written. Motion carried.

Motion by Wojan and seconded by McNamara to approve the schedule of payments. Motion carried. Invoice from Moore & Bruggink not to be paid at this time as it may be paid thru grant funds.

Correspondence:

Recent e-mail from Trustee McNamara suggesting all board members change their e-mail addresses not required, but optional.

Letter read from Jack Spanhak regarding use of firearms in Port St. James. Wants board to adopt an ordinance on gun control. Haggard will discuss this with Deputy. Wierenga will contact MTA as well.

Reports:

Dangerous Structures: Nothing to report.

EMS: Speck reported the recent lawsuit against the EMS has cost over \$11,522. EMS asking both townships to help cover these attorney fees.

ESA: Resolution Implementing Transition to Beaver Island Emergency Service Authority and Peaine Township Fire Hall Lease Agreement discussed. No action to be taken at this meeting. Motion by Wojan and seconded by Wierenga to send paperwork to township attorney for review.

Pt. St. James Property Clearcutting Violation: Speck reported the township attorney stated the township cannot enforce the alleged violation according to the township ordinance as it is written at this time.

Board would like for Planning Commission to revise ordinance with help from township attorney.

Audit Report: Amended Audit from Mason and Kammerman has been received, however need to check if paperwork has gone on to the State.

Old Business:

Board of Review Appointment: Bob Tidmore to remain on as member.

Planning Commission Appointment: Motion by Wojan and seconded by Wierenga to appoint Dave Adams to the Planning Commission. Motion carried.

The board will now post for the opening on the ZBA as Adams was the chairman of that board.

Grant Funding for Sewer Project: The board discussed how the paperwork was sent in for reimbursement on the sewer project. At the November board meeting the board was assured they would have a chance to review all the documents before sent in, which did not happen. The board questioned why the "Liquidation Damages" were not included in the paperwork. According to Supervisor anything withheld on final check to contractor will be done at time grant money is received.

Motion by McNamara and seconded by Wojan to withhold \$2,500 and to consult with attorney to determine what portion be permanently retained. Motion carried.

New Business:

Beaver Island Waterways Trail: Bill McDonough gave a detailed report on the waterways trail project for use of state land. He is asking the board to send a letter of support on project. Also consider an in-kind contribution of \$3,000 to \$5,000 to be worked into next year's budget. Motion by McNamara and seconded by Speck to look favorable on Land Institute to facilitate non-motorized trail funding. Motion carried.

Bonadeo Property next to Marina: Motion by McNamara and seconded by Haggard to give Haggard authority to enter into negotiations with Bonadeo and John Woollum regarding purchasing property. Motion carried.

Tribal Lawsuit: Motion by Wojan and seconded by McNamara to approve Haggard attend hearing on December 3, 2015 as township representative. Motion carried

Special work session of the board rescheduled for December 10, 2015 at 7pm.

Motion by McNamara and seconded by Wojan to adjourn meeting at 9pm. Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,



Jean Wierenga, Clerk
St. James Township