

Girard Township
1009 Marshall Rd.
COLDWATER, MI
January 3, 2017
REGULAR MEETING

Supervisor Gene Easterday called the meeting to order @ 7:00 P.M. Present besides Easterday were, Clerk Kathy Weigt, Treasurer Julie Waterbury, and Trustee Candy Cox, and Trustee Steve Weigt. Note: Approx. 7 public attendees.

Additions to the agenda: Letter to Township for Memorial Day support

Motion made by Trustee Steve Weigt to approve the December 5, 2016 minutes as presented Supported by Treasurer Julie Waterbury. Motion Carried. 5 Ayes, 0 Nay.

Motion by Treasurer Julie Waterbury to approve the December 5, 2016 Zoning Ordinance Amendment Minutes, supported by Trustee Candy Cox. Motion Carried. 5 Ayes, 0 Nay.

Motion by Trustee Candy Cox to pay the Bills Due. Supported by Trustee Steve Weigt. Motion Carried. 5 Ayes, 0 Nay.

Motion by Supervisor Gene Easterday to place the financial report on file as presented, supported by Trustee Candy Cox. Motion Carried. 5 Ayes, 0 Nay.

Motion by Supervisor Gene Easterday to accept the resignation letter submitted by Trustee Steve Weigt, effective, January 4, 2017. Supported by Treasurer Julie Waterbury. Roll Call Vote

Supervisor Gene Easterday- Yes

Treasurer Julie Waterbury- Yes

Trustee Candy Cox- Yes

Clerk Kathy Weigt- Yes. Motion Carried.

Trustee Steve Weigt was appointed to serve on the Branch County Road Comm. Board. Due to apparent conflict of interests, Steve could not hold both positions. Mr. Weigt elected to resign from the Girard Township Board.

Motion by Supervisor Gene Easterday, supported by Treasurer Julie Waterbury to advertise in the newspaper to fill the vacancy. Motion Carried. The township board has 45 days to fill the Trustee position, otherwise, a Special Election will need to be performed.

Motion by Treasurer Julie Waterbury to approve a re-survey and public advertisement for leasing bids of the Girard Township owned farmland located behind the Evergreen Cemetery. Supported by Trustee Steve Weigt. Motion Carried. 5 Ayes, 0 Nay. Supervisor Gene Easterday will oversee the task.

Motion by Supervisor Gene Easterday, supported by Trustee Steve Weigt to approve \$200.00 towards the advertisement and porta toilet rental (located in the Girard Town hall parking lot), for the annual Girard Township Memorial Day Yard Sale. Motion Carried.

Treasurer Julie Waterbury reported the Summer Tax Deferments are due by Feb. 14, 2017. Winter tax collection is going well.

Clerk Kathy Weigt and Treasurer Waterbury will continue to monitor the budget for any amendments needed prior to the year end.

Website is minimally active with a Homepage and contact information. BS&A is working to establish a link for property tax information. The Website address is girardtownship.net.

Supervisor Gene Easterday reported the prep work for the 2017-2018 budget is underway with work -shops to be scheduled in February and March 2017.

Assessor Marcia Bail reported building permits are almost completed. She has one third of the ag re-appraisals to complete.

AMAR report came back from the State of Michigan with a score of 89% out of 90% or higher. Marcia will compile a corrective action plan with a one year timeline to complete these corrections. Assessor Marcia Bail will submit this to the State of Michigan before the January 23, 2017 deadline.

Marcia will be in contact with Nick Wheeler (Hillsdale Co. Equalization Department) regarding assistance with the Pictometry and GIS.

Zoning Report: Next hearing for Floyd Tucker has been set for February 3, 2017.

Otto Fields has been given until February 28, 2017 to remove debris from yard and enclose the structure he will be using as a garage. The Judge will evaluate what is done and rule on that.

Sextons Report: Sexton George Baker presented the board with a proposed labor and fee schedule to be considered and acted on in February 2017.

Supervisor Gene Easterday entertained the motion to adjourn. Trustee Steve Weigt supported.

Adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Weigt-Clerk