

GIRARD TOWNSHIP BOARD

1009 Marshal Rd., Coldwater, MI 49036

November 13, 2017

7:00 P.M.

Regular Meeting

Supervisor, Gene Easterday called the meeting to order @ 7:00 P.M. Board members in attendance were Gene Easterday, Trustee Candy Cox, Trustee George Baker, Treasurer Julie Waterbury, and Clerk Kathy Weigt. Note: Approx. 9 public attendees. Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were four items added to the agenda. 1) Trustee George Baker

2) Matt Lindsey

3) Memorial Day Garage Sale

4) Cleaning of the Townhall

Motion by Supervisor Gene Easterday to approve the agenda with added items, supported by Treasurer Julie Waterbury. 5 Ayes, 0 Nay. Motion Carried

Motion by Trustee Candy Cox to approve the October 2, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes as presented, supported by Trustee George Baker. Motion Carried, 5 Ayes, 0 Nay.

Motion by Trustee Candy Cox, supported by Trustee George Baker to pay the Bills Due. Motion Carried. 5 Ayes, 0 Nay.

Motion by Clerk Kathy Weigt, supported by Trustee George Baker to accept and place on file the financial report as presented. Motion Carried. 5 Ayes, 0 Nay.

Motion by Supervisor Gene Easterday to place the Otto Field property clean up on hold until the March board meeting. Supported by Treasurer Julie Waterbury, with a recommendation Zoning Administrator Jim Webb be in attendance at the December board meeting to discuss. Girard Township received only (1) bid from Thompson Construction in the amount of \$8450.00. Motion Carried. 4 Ayes, 1 Nay (Trustee Candy Cox opposing).

Motion by Supervisor Gene Easterday to disregard billing Margaret Mendelsohn for a grass fire on her property. It is unknown what or who started the fire.(Supervisor Easterday's motion is based off this information.) No other damage was listed on the fire report. Supported by Trustee George Baker. Motion Carried. 5 Ayes, 0 Nay.

Motion by Supervisor Gene Easterday to cover the cost of Porta Toilet Rental and Advertisement for the annual Girard Township Memorial Garage Sale not to exceed \$200.00. Supported by Trustee George Baker. Motion Carried. 5 Ayes, 0 Nay.

Motion by Trustee Candy Cox to accept the proposal from Larisa Vorce to clean the townhall minus shampooing the carpet at a cost of \$60.00. Supported by Treasurer Julie Waterbury. Motion Carried. 5 Ayes, 0 Nay. Supervisor Gene Easterday will contact Larisa.

Uncollected fire debts: Supervisor Gene Easterday met with Attorney Chuck Lillis and advised him to pursue to the next level towards collection.

NEW BUSINESS: Approximately 4 board members will be attending the Annual Township Meeting with the Branch County Road Commission scheduled for Tuesday Dec. 5, 2017, 9:40 a.m.

George Baker (Baker's Lawn Care) presented the board with a letter of resignation effective January 1, 2018 as Sexton of Girard Township. However, Mr. Baker will be available to help with the transition process if needed. Also, George will compile a complete job description to assist the board when their search begins. Trustee Candy Cox suggests advertising ASAP.

A special meeting will be scheduled in the near future to further discuss. The board has been pleased with Baker's Lawn Care service and regrets his decision but wishes him well...

Public attendee Matt Lindsey asked the board if they have received a route plan from ITC in regards to the overhead high voltage lines that will be going through landowner's property within Girard Township. Supervisor Gene Easterday has been in phone contact with ITC. They will be giving him a route map in the near future. Supervisor Easterday will connect with Mr. Lindsey and Brent Groholske when he receives. Mr. Lindsey requested having a Special Meeting when the township gets the sites mapping.

Supervisor's Report: Girard Township received its first check from Cypress Creek after signing a lease agreement to possibly use the Cemetery Farm ground for placement of solar panels in the future.

The Board of Determination (Drain) denied the request to reconstruct /extend/ clean out etc. of the drain in Section 27 of Girard Township south from Dayburg Rd to the South Line of Phil AcMoody Property with a possible extension to the West. The Petitioner has ten (10) days to appeal.

Treasurer's Report: Winter property tax bills will go out December 1, 2017. In person collection dates will be between Christmas and New Years and Feb. 28, 2018. Treasurer Waterbury will **post when she gets the exact day and time.**

Assessor's Report: Involved with Michigan Legislative meetings regarding several Bills on the table.

Doing Building Permits

Sexton's Report: Mowing is done for the season, Flowers have been cleaned up

Zoning Administrator: (1) Permits

Motion by Supervisor Gene Easterday to adjourn, supported by Clerk Kathy Weigt
Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectively Submitted by,

Kathy Weigt-Clerk

