

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

Supervisor Gene Easterday called the meeting to order @ 7:00 P.M. Board members in attendance were Supervisor Gene Easterday, Clerk Kathy Weigt, Trustee Candy Cox, Trustee George Baker. Treasurer Julie Waterbury was absent Note: Approx. 9 public attendees. Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and no additions to the agenda.

Public comment: Linda Beemer voiced a concern regarding the condition of Hayner Road which is retaining water and creating a muddy mess along the road's shoulders. Linda was advised by Supervisor Gene Easterday to contact the Branch County Road Commission. Linda spoke with public attendee Steve Weigt (A Board of Commissioner to the BCRC) after the meeting. Mr. Weigt will get with BCRC Supervisor Trent Arver to look into this concern.

Motion made by Trustee George Baker to approve the March 6, 2017 minutes as presented. Supported by Trustee Candy Cox. Motion Carried. 4 Ayes, 0 Nay.

Motion made by Clerk Kathy Weigt, supported by Trustee Candy Cox to approve and place on file the March 22, 2017 Budget Hearing Minutes. Motion Carried. 4 Ayes, 0 Nay.

Motion made by Trustee Candy Cox, supported by Supervisor Gene Easterday to approve the March 22, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion Carried. 4 Ayes, 0 Nay. Public attendee Dennis Moore asked the board to re-open the motion to reflect a correction to the paragraph stating ("The purpose of the meeting was to discuss revising the existing Farm Lease Contract and re-open the bidding process per request by Derek Moore of Moore Farms".) The correction was asked to read per request by "Supervisor Gene Easterday". Mr. Moore interpreted the original wording to imply the meeting was called by Derek Moore. **Supervisor Gene Easterday made the motion to approve the March 22, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes with corrections. Supported by Trustee George Baker. Motion Carried. 4 Ayes, 0 Nay.**

Motion by Trustee Candy Cox supported by Trustee George Baker to pay the Bills Due. Motion Carried. 4 Ayes, 0 Nay.

Motion by Trustee Candy Cox to place the financial report on file as presented, supported by Supervisor Gene Easterday. Motion Carried. 4 Ayes, 0 Nay.

New Business: The Newly proposed Coldwater Fire Contract will be going to Girard Township's Attorney Chuck Lillis to be reviewed. The Contract expires June 30, 2017 12:00a.m.

Supervisor Gene Easterday will tentatively set up a Special Meeting to award the bid for the Farm Land Lease Agreement. That date is April 14, 2017 at 4:30p.m. (Subject to change).

Clerk Kathy Weigt was asked by BCRC Supervisor Trent Arver to approach the township board members in assisting with an ongoing issue of parking in front of the General Store located in the downtown area of Girard Township. Supervisor Trent Arver would like the Girard Township Board to send a letter to the property owner reminding him there is **No Parking** in the area directly off of Marshall Rd in front of the store. Former Treasurer Dennis Moore spoke out saying this has been an issue for a number of years, and when the store was foreclosed on (possibly 2005-2006) Girard Township passed an Ordinance prohibiting such parking. The Board will research and get with BCRC Supervisor Trent Arver.

Supervisor Gene Easterday reported: Special Assessment Doves Landing will not seek a bond through a bonding attorney for the purpose of paving their private road.

There is a Planning /Zoning Commission Conference coming up at the Holiday Inn near Menards in Battle Creek. Members of the Planning Commission are encouraged to attend. Supervisor Easterday will check on the date and time.

April 13, 2017 at 1:00p.m., a company known as ITC will hold a meeting with the Trustees of Girard and all adjoining townships. The purpose of the meeting is informational and to gather input from the Trustees for placement of a new high power transmission line. This project is located entirely in Branch County Michigan. Meeting will be held at the Girard Town hall located at 1009 Marshall Rd. Coldwater, MI 49036

Sextons Report: One foundation requested and installed.

Supervisor Gene Easterday made the motion to adjourn. Trustee George Baker and Candy Cox supported.

Adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectively submitted by,

Kathy Weigt-Clerk