

GIRARD TOWNSHIP BOARD

1009 Marshal Rd., Coldwater, MI 49036

Monday August 10, 2020 – 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, Treasurer Julie Waterbury, Clerk Kathy Weigt. Trustee George Baker was absent. Note: Approx. 9 public attendees. Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Clerk Kathy Weigt to approve the agenda as presented, supported by Trustee Candy Cox. 4 Ayes, 0 Nay.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tim Stoll- County Commissioner for Branch County introduced himself

Motion by Trustee Candy Cox to approve the July 6, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes as presented, supported by Treasurer Julie Waterbury. Motion Carried, 4 Ayes, 0 Nay.

Motion by Clerk Kathy Weigt, supported by Trustee Candy Cox to pay the bills due.

Motion Carried. 4 Ayes, 0 Nay.

Motion by Trustee Candy Cox, supported by Treasurer Julie Waterbury to accept and place on file the financial reports as presented. Motion Carried. 4 Ayes, 0 Nay. To date, Expenses exceed Income by approximately \$5K.

Treasurer Julie Waterbury conveyed the results of the audit will be presented at the September Board meeting, allowing Auditor Greg Bailey time to finalize.

NEW BUSINESS:

The board approved the application for the September 5, 2020 (Rain date-September 6th) fireworks display hosted by Waffle Farm Campground. **Motion by** Treasurer Julie Waterbury, supported by Trustee Candy Cox. Roll Call Vote: Treasurer Waterbury- Yes, Trustee Cox- Yes, Supervisor Easterday- Yes and Clerk Weigt- Yes. Motion Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Fire Protection update regarding a request from concerned residents of the Northern half of Girard Township to have Tekonsha Fire Department automatically called alongside Coldwater Fire Department when a structural fire occurs. Treasurer Julie Waterbury and Trustee Candy Cox met with City of Coldwater Manager Keith Baker and CFD Chief Dave Schmaltz to discuss entertaining an auto call agreement between CFD and TFD for structural fires. Chief Schmaltz (CFD) did not see the benefit to enter into such agreement. However, he would agree to call for Mutual Aid for a structural fire prior to them arriving to the scene. CFD Chief will present an annual report regarding fire activity in Girard Township at the September meeting. Meanwhile, Trustee Candy Cox will set up a meeting with Tekonsha Fire Dept. Chief. A possible split of territories may be an option when contract is renewed.

Peacock Drive update: \$2500.00 is due on back taxes- It goes to the State then comes back for the Township to bid on. To date, Supervisor Easterday received one bid between \$7-\$8K to demo. He is seeking a couple other bidders. Easterday recommends the township buy the property and clean it up. Board discussion will take place in the future when more information develops.

Assessor's Report: Summer Inspections are near completion. Building permit letters will go out in September.

The need to make changes to the fee schedule for Neibles Landing residents was highlighted. Combined parcels into one have left some residents paying higher fees, as if the properties were still separate. Each parcel has a \$100 fee, when combined into one parcel that \$100 per parcel carried over, causing some to pay more than others. The board recommends the Niebles Landing Association have a meeting to discuss and devise a solution.

Zoning Report: Reported 2 permits for July. 20 permits for the year.

Motion by Trustee Candy Cox to adjourn, supported by Supervisor Gene Easterday.

Adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectively submitted by, Kathy Weigt-Clerk