

Girard Township  
1009 Marshall Rd  
COLDWATER, MI  
August 7, 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. Note: Approx. 12 public attendees. Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Addition to the agenda:** Application for Fireworks-Duane Rathbun

With no public comment, **Motion by** Trustee Cox, Support by Clerk Weigt to approve the agenda with the addition, Motion Carried. 5 Ayes, 0 Nay.

**Motion by** Supervisor Easterday, Support by Trustee Baker to approve the July 3,2017 Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion Carried. 5 Ayes, 0 Nay.

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

**Motion by** Clerk Weigt, support by Supervisor Easterday to accept and place on file the financial report as presented. Motion Carried. 5 Ayes, 0 Nay.

New Business: **Motion by** Supervisor Easterday, Support by Trustee Baker to accept bids for refinishing the exterior roof and side walls of a metal 14x20 (approx.) building located at the Evergreen Cemetery. Bids should include Labor and material costs. Deadline for bidding is August 31, 2017. Motion Carried. 5 Ayes, 0 Nay.

Pyrotechnician Duane Rathbun came before the board to request a dollar amount of liability insurance needed to provide an upgraded firework display at the Waffle Farm Campground. His request was for Sept. 3 2017.

**Motion by** Trustee Cox, Support by Supervisor Easterday recommending William Green of Waffle Farm Camp Ground present to the board a copy of his Insurance Policy for fireworks to include a minimum amount of One Million Dollars of (Property and Personal Injuries Protection). Motion Carried. 5 Ayes, 0 Nay. This motion pertains to the fourth of July 2018. No board action will be taken for September 3, 2017.

Greg Moore, Community Affairs Manager for Consumers Energy spoke on the Wind, and Solar Energy Projects. Consumers Energy is not affiliated with nor endorses any Private Developers or Lease Companies (example-Cypress Creek) that may approach any person or entity for property to place alternative energy equipment. However, they would consider their property possibilities, if it proves to be the most cost effective to the consumers. Consumers Energy is currently working on their own alternative projects.

Unfinished Business: A representative from Lukazek Excavating & Drainage LLC (Lewis) spoke on the continued water issue at the Evergreen Cemetery. He informed the board that drilling the six holes in the low spots and fill would not correct the problem. The ground is deeply compacted and because of the pipeline criteria restrictions, they cannot do what is necessary to correct. Trustee Baker suggested bringing in dirt and a Harley rake to level it out, Blend the two grasses and over-seed before September. These procedures were included in the original quote of \$29,655.50. Treasurer Waterbury has requested a detailed- itemized invoice. Lukazek's representative (Lewis) stated the dirt and over-seed would be done prior to September if it rains.

Commissioner Terri Norris gave a brief report, Highlights include: Countrywide and Nationwide increase in autopsies due to drug overdoses.

MSU Extension has added two new staffers.

Unemployment down to 3.8% for June.

2016 Audit shows General Fund at 18.3% (average should be between 17%-23%)

Strategic County Planning will place their focus on the Jail, Pensions and adding more Road Patrolman.

Assessor's Report: BOR went well & everything has been sent to the County

Currently doing inspections

Increase in Land Divisions

Sexton's Report: No burials

Zoning Report: 2 permits

**Motion by** Supervisor Easterday to adjourn, support by Trustee Baker

Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectively submitted by,

Kathy Weigt-Clerk