

Girard Township
1009 Marshall Rd.
COLDWATER, MI
February 3, 2020
REGULAR MEETING

Supervisor Gene Easterday called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance @ 7:00 P.M. Members present: Supervisor Gene Easterday, Treasurer Julie Waterbury, Clerk Kathy Weigt and Trustee George Baker. Absent: Trustee Candy Cox. Note: Approx. 12 public attendees.

Public Comment: Sheriff Pollack reported, through the jail delay, they have discovered it to be better moving the jail closer to Wilhelm Dr. The ground appears to be less wet thus needing fewer Cement Pylons. Savings will bring the budget back in line to the original.

Replaced all in car computers.

Drug Drop Off Collection-55lbs. in January

Monthly Activity (January) in Girard: (59) Complaints. A full report is on file at the townhall.

Commissioner Terry Norris reported: The County started its financial audit of 2019 this past week. The County distributed an RFP for underwriting the bonds for the new jail, expecting the process to continue through Feb. and into March of 2020. Final construction bids are expected in March, 2020. A full report is on file at the townhall.

Motion by Clerk Weigt, Support by Trustee Baker to approve the agenda with the addition of Bids for the lease of the thirty- acre farmland. Motion Carried.

Motion by Trustee Baker, Support by Treasurer Waterbury to approve the January 6, 2020 Board Minutes as presented. Motion Carried.

Motion by Treasurer Waterbury, Support by Trustee Baker to accept and place on file the January 16, 2020 Board of Appeals Minutes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Trustee Baker, Support by Treasurer Waterbury to pay the bills due. Motion Carried.

Motion by Treasurer Waterbury, Support by Trustee Baker to accept and place on file the financial report as presented. Motion Carried.

New Business: Supervisor Easterday briefed the board of a letter he received from the Coldwater Board of Public Utilities, regarding the Household Hazardous Waste annual collection held Sat., September 6, Schlubatis Hall at the Branch County Fairgrounds.

This year's cost will be \$33 per participant. No decision is needed until June 1.

Girard Township received a single bid to lease the thirty- acre farmland located behind the Evergreen Cemetery. Current lessee, B&V Farms proposed a bid of \$161 per acre. With no further discussion, a **Motion by** Supervisor Easterday, Support by Trustee Baker to accept the bid. Motion Carried.

Treasurer Report: Waterbury will do a final review of the current budget to make sure we are within budget in all categories, necessary steps will be taken if found over budget.

The board will plan to adopt the new 2020-2021 budget at the March board meeting, along with the 2020-2021 Special Assessment Budget.

Due date for the deferred payment for the 2019 summer taxes will be February 14, 2020. Winter taxes (2020) are due on February 28, 2020. Treasurer Waterbury will hold office hours on that day.

Everything will be turned over to the County after collection deadline.

Treasurer Waterbury introduced her new Deputy Treasurer (Corey Collins) to the board.

Supervisor Report: This year's road work will be Gorbell Rd (from Jonesville to Dayburg) Bell Rd (From Girard Rd to Union City Rd).

Getting with Sheriff Pollack for information regarding County wide ordinances on ATV road usage.

Zoning Report: Planning Commission meeting scheduled for Feb. 13, 2020.

Still waiting on quotes regarding the Mater Plan Update.

ZBA approved a variance to reduce a setback and minimum lot size. Reduced to ½ acre.

Assessor's Report: March Board of Review dates are: Organizational meeting is March 3, 2020 at 5p.m.; Monday, March 9, 2020 from 9am-12pm., and 1pm-4pm.

Wednesday March 11, 2020 from 2pm-5pm., and 6pm-9pm

This year's property tax ratio will be: Agriculture-49.92 was 46.2; Commerical-49.97 was 51.77; Industrial- 49.87 was 50.98 and Residential – 49.93 was 49.27. Vacant land will see a slight increase on 20 acres or more. CPI tax value– 1.9%.

Sexton Report: 1 burial for the month of January.

Having no further business, **Motion by** Trustee Baker, Support by Clerk Weigt to adjourn. Motion Carried. Adjourned 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Weigt-Clerk