

GIRARD TOWNSHIP BOARD

1009 Marshal Rd., Coldwater, MI 49036

517-279-2323

February 5, 2018

7:00 P.M.

Regular Meeting

Supervisor, Gene Easterday called the meeting to order @ 7:00 P.M. Board members in attendance were Supervisor Gene Easterday, Trustee George Baker, Treasurer Julie Waterbury, and Clerk Kathy Weigt. Trustee Candy Cox was absent. Note: Approx. 6 public attendees. Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Supervisor Gene Easterday, Supported by Treasurer Julie Waterbury to accept the agenda with the addition of Baker's Lawn. Motion Carried. 4 Ayes, 0 Nay.

Motion by Treasurer Julie Waterbury to approve the January 2, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes as presented, Supported by Clerk Kathy Weigt. Motion Carried. 4 Ayes, 0 Nay.

Motion by Clerk Kathy Weigt, Supported by Treasurer Julie Waterbury to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2018 Special Meeting. Motion Carried. 4 Ayes, 0 Nay.

Motion by Clerk Kathy Weigt, Supported by Treasurer Julie Waterbury to pay the Bills Due. Motion Carried. 4 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. 4 Ayes, 0 Nay.

NEW BUSINESS: George Baker owner of Baker's Lawn Care had not received his monthly check for January. Clerk Kathy Weigt apologized for the oversight and a check will be issued before Mr. Baker leaves the board meeting.

Unfinished Business: Four (4) Bids were presented to the board for the Demolition/Clean-up of a property site in Girard Township. Clerk Weigt posed the question whether the top soil, grass seeding /mulch portion should be charged to the property owner's taxes or if that process should be left to the discretion of the property owner? Is that a crucial procedure to the building Demolition/Clean-up being sought? Trustee George Baker stated, top soil will have to be brought in to fill any voids once the foundations have been removed; Also, to correct any yard damage caused by their equipment. Public attendee Judy Reese asked if it was clarified in the court judgement. Supervisor Gene Easterday will present these questions to Township Attorney Chuck Lillis for a legal opinion.

Motion by Treasurer Julie Waterbury, supported by Trustee George Baker to award the bid to Parrish Excavating, Inc. in the amount of Six thousand nine hundred eighty -two dollars. (\$6,982.00). Roll call vote: Supervisor Easterday-Yes, Trustee Baker- Yes, Treasurer Waterbury- Yes, Clerk Weigt-Yes. Motion Carried. Supervisor Gene Easterday will contact Parrish Excavating to notify them of the bid award. Supervisor Easterday will ask Attorney Lillis to advise and follow up with the courts for re-cooping this amount back to the township from the property owner.

Commissioner's Report: Water leak at the jail came in less than the estimated cost expected
The County is mandated, starting in 2018, to report the the state on their Pension-OPEB funding status. A full report is on file at the Girard Town hall.

Treasurer's report: Summer deferred taxes are due by February 14, 2018. Deadline due date for taxes to be paid without penalty and interest is February 28, 2018. Office hours on that day will be held from 9:00-5:00.

Assessors Report: Working on building permits

BOR Organizational meeting will be March 6, 2018

BOR Appeals dates for winter taxes will be March 12, 2018 from 9:00-12:00 and 1:00- 4:00p.m.

March 14, 2018 from 2:00-5:00p.m. and 6:00-9:00p.m.

Supervisor's Report: Powerline Co. ITC is still working on a final mapping of placement for the future powerline going through Girard Township. A map will be provided to the township when completed. They are currently working with land owners on property easement.

Township Attorney Chuck Lillis wishes to review our fire ordinance language to ensure it complies with current standards.

Motion by Clerk Kathy Weigt to adjourn, Supported by Treasurer Julie Waterbury.

Adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectively Submitted by,

Kathy Weigt-Clerk