

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

With no additions to the agenda and no public comment, **Motion made by Treasurer Julie Waterbury to approve the agenda as presented, supported by Trustee George Baker. Motion Carried. 5 Ayes, 0 Nay.**

Motion made by Treasurer Julie Waterbury, supported by Trustee Candy Cox to approve the June 5, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion Carried. 5 Ayes, 0 Nay.

Motion made by Trustee Candy Cox, supported by Clerk Kathy Weigt to accept and place on file the June 27, 2017 Public Hearing Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion Carried. 5 Ayes, 0 Nay.

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

Motion by Treasurer Julie Waterbury, supported by Trustee George Baker to accept and place on file the financial report as presented. Motion Carried. 5 Ayes, 0 Nay.

Motion by Treasurer Julie Waterbury, supported by Supervisor Gene Easterday to sign the lease agreement with Cypress Creek/Consumers Energy regarding the Solar Panel Farm. This will allow the process to move forward into the next of several stages. Roll Call Vote. Treasurer Waterbury- Yes, Clerk Weigt- Yes, Supervisor Easterday- Yes, Trustee Cox- Yes, and Trustee Baker- Yes.

Supervisor Easterday will make contact with Cypress Creek.

During discussion time, public attendee Phil AcMoody spoke of the original intent for this property. It was purchased for future Cemetery expansion, a new townhall and possible fire department if Girard Township ever needed. His opposition with leasing some or all of the land for (20) twenty years, is not having adequate amount of land to accomplish the original intent? Along with Mr. AcMoody, other attendees felt it would take away from the atmosphere and appearance of the Cemetery.

Re-Zoning and restoration of the land to its original state after the lease expires were also concerns with attendees.

Unfinished Business: (Water issue at the Evergreen Cemetery) At the June meeting Treasurer Julie Waterbury requested Trustee George Baker to acquire a written itemized estimate from Andy Lukazcek for any/ all additional work that was not included in the amount already paid to him which was \$10k. Trustee Baker reported: Mr. Lukazcek responded "There will be no extra charge above the \$37,387.08". Treasurer Julie Waterbury, attended the November 19, 2015 Special meeting with

Consumer's Energy at which Mr. Lukazcek presented a proposal of \$29,655.50. Because of the need for Consumer's Energy to get this resolved before their next budget year, they requested a second proposal of a worse- case scenario which also included a (15%)fifteen percent contingency amount for unseen issues. That proposal totaled a cushioned \$37,387.08. Consumer's Energy submitted a check to Girard Township for the higher proposal of \$37,387.08 to cover the original proposal and unforeseen issues if any. Girard Township did not agree to pay Mr. Lukazcek the \$37,387.08. Treasurer Waterbury is questioning the dollar amount Mr. Lukazcek thinks he should receive, that being the 37,387.08.

Clerk Kathy Weigt asked Trustee George Baker if the ongoing work and materials now required, along with continued water problems were the fault of Mr. Lukazcek through negligence? Mr. Lukazcek failed to comply with the original agreement of the start and finish dates made between him and the township resulting in the township having to involve their attorney. Once Attorney Chuck Lillis sent a letter, Mr. Lukazcek moved rather quickly; perhaps rushing the job, therefore, not getting satisfactory results the first time. Trustee Baker could not provide answers, only suggesting the board invite Mr. Lukazcek to come before them to provide clarity to many questions and work out a final settlement. Trustee Baker will oversee this task.

Treasurers Report: Sent out just under 1400 tax bills and payments are coming in. Girard Twp. retains none of the monies collected, it is passed onto the County.

Supervisors Report: Consumers Energy (per a May 18, 2017 letter) is in the process of inspecting the workable condition of the present pipelines passing thru the Evergreen Cemetery. Supervisor Easterday made contact on June 29,2017 to check the status. Waiting on a return call.

The ITC 138000KM will happen in the third quarter of 2018. The need for another booster line to tie into Newton RD. is the reason for this erection. The line will come from South of Union City across Girard Township (location unknown at this time) to Newton Rd.

Circuit Court, June 27, 2017 the Township was granted the right to get (3) bids to clean up the debris at 379 Girard Rd from a fire. The bids are to be submitted to the Circuit Court Judge for approval. Upon approval, Girard Township is allowed to place the cost against the properties Winter Tax Bill. Zoning Administrator Jim Webb and Supervisor Easterday will oversee this task.

Sexton Report: 1 burial this last month

Cremations have increased approximately 50% with a prediction of continued increase to 75% by 2025.

Decrease in phone calls regarding missing flowers and urns.

Treasurer Waterbury made the motion to adjourn. Trustee Baker supported.

Adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectively submitted by,

Kathy Weigt-Clerk

