

Girard Township
1009 Marshall Rd
COLDWATER, MI
June 5, 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. 25 public attendees. Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration for Tekonsha Fire Department to service the northern portion of the Girard Township was added to the agenda.

Public comment: Butch Wilber commended George Baker (Baker's Lawn Care) for the well maintained /appearance of the Cemeteries over the Memorial Holiday.

Sheriff's Report: Golf carts cannot be driven on any roadways
Sheriff Dept. being called to assist MI State Police
Jail overcrowding continues
44.23 House Bill- Fund Police Grant for 3 years.
Additional road deputy approved
Progressing with construction of the new Animal Shelter
Statistics show crime rate is up since the approval of Medical Marijuana facilities

Commissioner's report: DHHS Building experienced some wind damage.
Parking Lot at the jail- Taking bids for a five- year repair.

Treasurer's report: Received settlement from the County enabling her to finalize her report to the State.

Assessors report: Sent letters for agriculture re-appraisals, approximately 65.
Marcia will work on those Monday's and Thursday's.
Will be working with the Treasurer to get the summer tax bills printed.

Sextons report: Receiving several phone calls regarding flowers and urns coming up missing or being moved. George is asking anyone with helpful information to call him.

Zoning report: 5 Permits and 1 Court appearance.

Supervisors report: Dust control is tentatively set for June 13, 2017
If you have unused urns in the Cemeteries – Please remove them
Copies of the proposed solar power lease agreement with Girard Township has been given to each board member for review. Action to be determined at a later date.

A Motion from Trustee George Baker to approve the agenda with the addition, supported by Trustee Candy Cox. Motion Carried. 5 Ayes, 0 Nay.

Motion made by Trustee George Baker, supported by Treasurer Julie Waterbury to approve the May 1, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion Carried. 5 Ayes, 0 Nay.

Motion made by Supervisor Gene Easterday, supported by Treasurer Julie Waterbury to accept and place on file the May 18, 2017 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion Carried. 5 Ayes, 0 Nay.

Motion by Trustee George Baker supported by Treasurer Julie Waterbury to pay the Bills Due. Motion Carried. 5 Ayes, 0 Nay.

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

New Business: Branch County Road Commission sent (3) road project proposals for 2017.

- (1) 2017 Sealcoating Contract Resolution- \$21,960.00 for 1.83 miles (Stevens Shores, Adolph Shores, Knollwood Ct., Lynbrook Dr., Peacock Dr. and School Dr., E. Union Dr., Gardner Dr., Everitt Dr.)
- (2) 2017 Sealcoating Contract Resolution-\$37,440.00 for Bell Rd (Girard-County Line)
- (3) Construction Contract Resolution- \$35,700.00 for Hayner Rd (Union Twp.-Bell Rd)

After driving these areas and conversing with Road Commission manager Trent Arver; **Supervisor Gene Easterday made a motion, supported by Trustee George Baker to do two (\$21,960.00) and (\$35,700.00) of the three proposals this year and saving the Bell Rd seal coat project (\$37,440.00) for 2018. This will keep us within or below our budget. Treasurer Julie Waterbury suggested the difference in cost versus budget monies be set aside to go towards the delayed project. This would be approximately \$2,340. Roll Call Vote Supervisor Gene Easterday-Yes, Treasurer Julie Waterbury-Yes, Clerk Kathy Weigt- Yes, Trustees Candy Cox and George Baker- Yes. Motion Carried.** Resolutions will be signed and forwarded to the BCRC.

Fire Contract: A representative for the Tekonsha Fire Department(TFD) approached the board with a proposal for servicing a portion of the Girard Township. The dividing line would be Girard Rd. with Tekonsha having the North Side approximately 432 parcels and Coldwater Fire Department covering the South. Several residents from the Northern side expressed their concerns and need for Tekonsha to cover this area. The main concern being the length of arrival time it would take Coldwater Fire Department(CFD) as oppose to TFD.

Trustee George Baker made a motion, supported by Supervisor Gene Easterday to table this discussion and set up a special meeting possibly including both Fire Departments. Supervisor Gene Easterday asked for discussion. Treasurer Julie Waterbury expressed opposition to postponing discussions surrounding the TFD proposal and scheduling a special meeting for reasoning being, "We have been working back and forth with the CFD on this for 6 months. We came up with something agreeable to both parties and the deadline is June 30, 2017 at 12:00a.m." With no further comments, the board proceeded. **Roll Call Vote-Trustee George Baker and Supervisor Gene Easterday-Yes, Treasurer Julie Waterbury, Clerk Kathy Weigt, and Trustee Candy Cox- No. The Motion was defeated.**

Next order of business: Contracting with Coldwater Fire Department: After several months of back and forth, the board received a copy of the final proposal between CFD and Girard Twp. It is a continuation of the current contract with Girard Township still supporting the tanker truck co-owned with Coldwater Township.

During the negotiations, Girard Board members wanted to turn the tanker over to CFD, releasing the township of further obligations of monetary support for the maintenance, insurance etc. This was pending negotiations between CFD and Coldwater Township. To date, no agreement has been reached. Therefore, Girard Township will continue supporting the tanker as in the past until further notice.

Motion was made by Treasurer Julie Waterbury, supported by Trustee Candy Cox to contract with Coldwater Fire Department to provide fire protection to the residents of Girard Township. Roll Call Vote: Supervisor Gene Easterday-Yes, Treasurer Julie Waterbury-Yes, Clerk Kathy Weigt-Yes, Trustee Candy Cox-Yes, Trustee George Baker- Yes. Motion Carried.

Unfinished Business: Supervisor Gene Easterday, Trustee George Baker met with Andy Lukazcek regarding the continued water issue at the Evergreen Cemetery. Mr. Lukazcek is going to drill holes and place rock below the surface dirt for drainage, add screened topsoil and re-seed the low spots that still retain water. In the fall, Andy will completely re-seed the entire original area.

Treasurer Julie Waterbury recommends Trustee George Baker request an estimate of cost for doing this if it is not included in the amount already paid to him. Mr. Baker will follow up.

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

Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectively submitted by,

Kathy Weigt-Clerk