

Girard Township
1009 Marshall Rd.
COLDWATER, MI
March 4, 2019
REGULAR MEETING

Supervisor Gene Easterday called the meeting to order @ 7:00 P.M. Those present with Supervisor Gene Easterday were, Clerk Kathy Weigt, Treasurer Julie Waterbury, Trustee Candy Cox and Trustee George Baker. Note: Approx. 9 public attendees.

Public Comment: Tina Patton- Advocate for Branch County Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence spoke briefly of their expanded services and locations. Contact 517-278-7233 for more information.

Motion by Clerk Kathy Weigt to approve the agenda as presented, Supported by Trustee George Baker. Motion Carried.

Motion by Treasurer Julie Waterbury to approve the February 4, 2019 Board Minutes as presented. Supported by Trustee Candy Cox. Motion Carried.

Motion by Clerk Kathy Weigt, Support by Trustee George Baker to accept and place on file the February 14, 2019 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Trustee Candy Cox, Support by Trustee George Baker to pay the bills due. Motion Carried.

Motion by Clerk Kathy Weigt to accept and place on file the financial report as presented. Support by Trustee Candy Cox. Motion Carried.

New Business:

Motion by Supervisor Gene Easterday to Renew the Consumers Energy Ordinance. Support by Treasurer Julie Waterbury. Motion Carried. Greg Moore (Consumers Energy Rep.) was on hand to answer any questions/concerns the board had.

The Following Policies were adopted by the board:

Motion by Trustee Candy Cox, Support by Supervisor Gene Easterday to adopt the Conflict of Interest Policy as presented. Roll Call Vote: Treasurer Julie Waterbury- Yes, Trustee's Candy Cox, George Baker- Yes, Supervisor Gene Easterday- Yes, Clerk Kathy Weigt- Yes. 0 Nay, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain.

Motion by Treasurer Julie Waterbury, Support by Supervisor Gene Easterday to adopt the Social Security Privacy Policy as presented. Roll Call Vote: Treasurer Julie Waterbury- Yes, Trustee's Candy Cox, George Baker-Yes, Supervisor Gene Easterday- Yes, Clerk Kathy Weigt- Yes. 0 Nay, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain.

Motion by Trustee Candy Cox, Support by Trustee George Baker to adopt the ACH and Electronic Transactions Policy as presented. Roll Call Vote: Treasurer Julie Waterbury-Yes, Trustee Candy Cox- Yes, Trustee George Baker-Yes, Supervisor Gene Easterday- Yes, Clerk Kathy Weigt- Yes, 0 Nay, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain.

Motion by Treasurer Julie Waterbury, Support by Trustee George Baker to adopt the proposed Resolution for the Amended General Fund Budget for fiscal year 2018-19. Amending Public Works, from the original amount of \$66K to \$74K. Roll Call Vote: Treasurer Julie Waterbury- Yes, Trustees Candy Cox, George Baker- Yes, Supervisor Gene Easterday – Yes, and Clerk Kathy Weigt- Yes. 0 Nay, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain.

Motion by Treasurer Julie Waterbury, Support by Trustee Candy Cox to adopt the Fiscal Year 2018-19 Municipal Street Fund Original Budget Resolution. This budget consists of money collected on tax bills for each Special Assessment and interest earned throughout the year to maintain roadways, etc. Roll Call Vote: Treasurer Julie Waterbury-Yes, Trustees Candy Cox, George Baker- Yes, Supervisor Gene Easterday-Yes and Clerk Kathy Weigt- Yes. 0 Nay, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain.

Motion by Trustee Candy Cox, Support by Treasurer Julie Waterbury to approve funding of a single newspaper advertisement, and supply a porta toilet (1) during the annual Girard Township Community Garage Sale held each Memorial Weekend. Motion Carried.

Closing out new business, a budget workshop will be held Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 6:00P.M., closing with a Public Budget Hearing at 7:00P.M.

Treasurer's Report: After tax settlement, anticipation of exceeding this year's budget amount is likely.

Tax collection is over as of February 28, 2019, it will be turned over to the County. Hoping to settle at the end of March.

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Zoning Report: 6 open complaints, 1 permit for the month of February, copy of complete report on file at the town hall.

Sexton Report: 4 burials for month of February.

Assessor Report: Assessment notices have been sent out. Working with ZA on several land splits, State of Michigan has increased the Equalize Valuation % Ratio, Ag: Was-48.96, Now-49.97, Commercial: Was-47.28, Now-49.87, Industrial: Was-43.81, Now-49.93 and Residential: Was- 47.68, Now-49.78.

BOR meets March 11, 2019, 9:00am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-5:00pm. March 13, 2019, 2:00pm-5:00pm and 6:00pm-9:00pm.

Supervisor Report: Compiling an inventory of the books from the bookcases, checking into a few book dealers, David McDonald and other sources for an estimated value and possible interest in them. To be determined in the future.

Constructing a 3x8 foot M/L storage closet at the South West end of the townhall. Estimated cost for labor and material will be between \$2K-3K.

Having no further business, **Motion by** Supervisor Gene Easterday, Support by Trustee George Baker to adjourn. Motion Carried. Adjourned 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Weigt-Clerk

