

Girard Township
1009 Marshall Rd
COLDWATER, MI
May 1, 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. 10 public attendees. Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustee George Baker added Fleming Bridge to the agenda.

With no public comment, the meeting opened with a **Motion by Trustee Candy Cox to approve the April 3, 2017 minutes as presented. Supported by Trustee George Baker. Motion Carried. 5 Ayes, 0 Nay.**

Motion made by Trustee Candy Cox, supported by Clerk Kathy Weigt to approve and place on file the April 14, 2017 Farmland Bid Award Minutes. Motion Carried. 5 Ayes, 0 Nay.

Motion made by Trustee George Baker, supported by Trustee Candy Cox to approve the corrected March 22, 2017 Special 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 Candy Cox to place the financial report on file as presented, supported by Trustee George Baker. Motion Carried. 5 Ayes, 0 Nay.

Treasurer Julie Waterbury reported; she has not yet received payment on delinquent taxes. All treasurers are preparing for Equalization. (Summer Taxes). The proposed fire contract with Coldwater Fire Department has been reviewed by Girard Township Attorney Chuck Lillis. Treasurer Julie Waterbury will send each board member a copy of the said contract for review and further discuss with action at the next board meeting.

Commissioner Terri Norris reported; the renovations to the Commission on Aging building are complete. A Grand Opening will be May 11, 2017
The County Commissioner Board approved a new truck for animal control department. May 8, 2017 is the tentative date for ground breaking to erect a new animal control facility. A Three O'clock (3:00 p.m.) ceremony is scheduled.

New Business: Trustee George Baker noticed a hole on the far east bridge located on Fleming Road. His question is "Who is responsible for the repairs?" Supervisor Gene Easterday will be meeting with Branch County Road Commission Manager Trent Aver on Wednesday morning to discuss the roads in Girard Township. He will address the Fleming Bridge at that time.

Supervisor Gene Easterday reported receiving a letter of interest for a potential partnership opportunity regarding a solar power generating facility. The area of interest is the existing thirty (30) acres farmland currently owned by Girard Township. Supervisor Gene Easterday ask the board to authorize him to contact the company “Cypress Creek Renewables” and pursue the details. **Treasurer Julie Waterbury made a motion to allow the pursuit for further investigation. Supported by Trustee Candy Cox. Motion Carried. 5 Ayes, 0 Nay.**

Sextons Report: One burial

Assessor Report: Assessor Marcia Bail came before the board to request approval to enter into a contract with the City of Coldwater for the use of GIS/Pictometry software. **Treasurer Julie Waterbury made a motion to authorize Assessor Marcia Bail to contract with the City of Coldwater for the use of GIS/Pictometry at the annual cost of 2K, not to exceed six (6) years. Supervisor Gene Easterday supported. Roll Call Vote. Treasurer Julie Waterbury-YES, Clerk-Kathy Weigt-YES, Trustee Candy Cox-YES, Trustee George Baker-YES, Supervisor Gene Easterday- YES. Motion Carried.**

Zoning Report: Waiting for another court date on Otto Fields-Girard Township may have to clean up the remaining debris and add the cost to the property owner’s taxes.

Issued two more junk ordinance violation notices.

May 16, 2017 Court date for Doris Wigent.

Clerk Kathy Weigt made the motion to adjourn. Treasurer Julie Waterbury supported.

Adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectively submitted by,

Kathy Weigt-Clerk