

Girard Township
1009 Marshall Rd.
COLDWATER, MI
May 6, 2019
REGULAR MEETING

Supervisor Gene Easterday called the meeting to order @ 7:00 P.M. Members present: Clerk Kathy Weigt, Trustee Candy Cox, Trustee George Baker and Treasurer Julie Waterbury Note: Approx. 14 public attendees.

Public Comment:

Sheriff Pollack reported: New Jail: Soil boring and survey done

4-22-2019 Went over designs and made change request

4-22-2019 Began interviewing Project Construction Managers-Selection scheduled for June.

5-8-2019 Changes will be made and reviewed

Female inmates had to be relocated to Van Buren Co. to adjust for over crowding

Covered 51 complaints in Girard Twp. 39 traffic stops and 3 accidents. A complete report is on file at the township.

Commissioner's Report: The County plans to start the interview process for hiring a Public Defender in May. There are currently 8 applicants.

Still getting concerns regarding Wind Turbines in Branch County

County Board approved the option of borrowing \$100,000.00 through the MDOT Airport Loan Program in which repayment can be made up to 10 years at a minimal interest rate. The repayment will be made through the Airports entitlement funding. A copy of the full report can be viewed at the township.

Motion by Trustee Cox, Supported by Treasurer Waterbury to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

Motion by Trustee Cox to approve the April 1, 2019 Board Minutes as presented. Supported by Trustee Baker. Motion Carried.

Motion by Clerk Weigt, Support by Trustee Cox to accept and place on file the April 9, 2019 Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Trustee Baker, Support by Treasurer Waterbury to pay the bills due. Motion Carried.

Motion by Clerk Weigt to accept and place on file the financial report as presented. Support by Treasurer Waterbury. Motion Carried.

New Business:

Motion by Trustee Cox, Support by Trustee Baker to sell the Library Books at the annual Girard Township Memorial Garge Sale. Motion Carried. Supervisor Easterday will oversee this. Unsold books to be donated to various organizations.

Motion by Trustee Cox, Support by Supervisor Easterday to decline the request of Girard Township purchasing, maintaining, and having authority over a bouy that would have been placed on the channel by Angel Cove Campground. Motion Carried.

Motion by Trustee Baker, Support by Supervisor Easterday approving Two Fellers Tree Service to remove a Maple Tree, grind the stump and clean up per the quote of \$600.00. Tree is located in the West Girard Cemetery by the drive way. Motion Carried. Supervisor Easterday will contact Two Fellers.

Motion by Supervisor Easterday, Support by Clerk Weigt to research and get pricing (to consider in next year's budget) for the replacement of approximately (48) summer street banners. There is roughly \$600 in private donations available towards the purchase. Motion Carried.

Motion by Supervisor Easterday, Supported by Trustee Cox to approve the P.A.116 Application submitted by Owners Ronald and Mary Tobalske. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Cox- Yes, Trustee Baker- Yes and Clerk Weigt- Yes, Treasurer Waterbury-Yes and Supervisor Easterday- Yes.

Motion by Treasurer Waterbury, Supported by Clerk Weigt to decline participation in the Household Hazardous Waste collection with CBPU at a cost to the township of thirty -three dollars per resident of Girard Township using the service. Treasurer Waterbury feels it is a personal expense that should be absorbed by individuals needing the service. Motion Carried. 4 Yes, 1 No.

Motion by Trustee Cox, Supported by Trustee Baker to approve Supervisor Easterday (Representing Girard Township) interest involving the 2020 Construction Census Program. Mr. Easterday will gather data, drive the township and do his best to insure complete and accurate address list and associated population for inclusion in the decennial census. Motion Carried.

Fire Call Letter: Residents in Girard Township were billed for a fire response to their address. They responded with a letter of rejection. It was brought before the board for discussion and recommendation. Treasurer Waterbury recommends a second letter with a copy of the fire report and ordinance be sent stating "We stand by our billing". Notification should be sent to the Fire Chief letting him know that Girard Township bills for fire calls. Trustee Cox recommends inviting them to come before the board if they desire.

Recycling: A packet was sent to Supervisor Easterday from the Biz Aid LLC- Recycling and Branch County Conservation District Executive Director Kathy Worst asking Girard Township to aid in the support of a grant fund through means of a donation. Treasurer Waterbury stated, townships cannot legally donate to another organization. Board dismissed request.

Old Business: Previous months, Trustee Baker discussed with drain commissioner Mike Hard regarding the water on the road issue with the Girard pond. They developed a plan, however, needed to have the right weather to allow for equipment to be brought in without the possibility of sinking. Favorable conditions came and went without action taken. Trustee Baker has recommended other members put a bug in Mr. Hard's ear in hopes of getting results.

Zoning Report: One permit for the month, One Board of Appeals meeting, Will connect with McKenna regarding Master Plan/Zoning Ordinance update.

Sexton Report: 2 burials April

Spring clean-up went well, started mowing

Will get a yard of black dirt (via request of Supervisor Easterday) to fill holes at West Girard.

Assessor Report: Working on Deeds and Building Permits

Finishing letters to be sent for re-appraisals (Lakes) Hawley Drives area.

Completing information to pass onto Treasurer Waterbury.

Having no further business, **Motion by** Clerk Weigt, Support by Treasurer Waterbury to adjourn. Motion Carried. Adjourned 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Weigt-Clerk

