

GIRARD TOWNSHIP BOARD

1009 Marshal Rd., Coldwater, MI 49036

517-279-2323

May 7, 2018

7:00 P.M.

Regular Meeting

Supervisor, Gene Easterday called the meeting to order @ 7:04 P.M. Board members in attendance were Supervisor Gene Easterday, Trustee George Baker, Clerk Kathy Weigt, and Trustee Candy Cox. Treasurer Julie Waterbury. Note: Approx. 10 public attendees. Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Supervisor Gene Easterday, Supported by Trustee Candy Cox to accept the agenda with the addition of Reimbursement of \$ 48.91 to Judy Reese for (3) copies of the ITC Powerline Specs for three Planning Commission Board Members. Motion Carried. 5 Ayes, 0 Nay.

Motion by Trustee George Baker to approve the April 2, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes as presented, Supported by Clerk Kathy Weigt. Motion Carried. 5 Ayes, 0 Nay.

Motion by Trustee Candy Cox, Supported by Trustee George Baker to accept and place on file the 2018-2019 Budget Hearing Minutes. Motion Carried. 5 Ayes, 0 Nay.

Motion by Supervisor Gene Easterday, Supported by Treasurer Julie Waterbury to pay the Bills Due. Motion Carried. 5 Ayes, 0 Nay.

Motion by Treasurer Julie Waterbury, Supported by Clerk Kathy Weigt to accept and place on file the financial report as presented. Motion Carried. 5Ayes, 0 Nay. Supervisor Gene Easterday is requesting a financial report each quarter for the Special Assessments. Treasurer Julie Waterbury will provide.

Having no public comment, the board moved onto New Business: Supervisor Gene Easterday scheduled June 1, 2018 with Michigan Minerals to apply the dust control at a cost of approximately \$6,000.

Supervisor Gene Easterday met with BCRC Trent Arver, Lyman Rd, Bell Rd and King Rd will be on this year's agenda with additional work involving 4 ft. of wedging on the edges of King Rd at the cost of \$3800.

Motion by Treasurer Julie Waterbury, Support by Trustee Candy Cox to approve the additional work at a cost of \$3800. Motion Carried. 5 Ayes. 0 Nay. Looking at an approximate total cost of \$63,800. A budget amendment will be needed if final cost exceeds \$60,000.

Waffle Farm Fireworks display set for July 7, 2018 with a rain date of July 6, 2018 per weather forecast. A **Motion by** Trustee Candy Cox, Support by Trustee George Baker to allow a one- time special permit for either one of the dates listed above to allow Waffle Farm Camp Ground (William Green) to provide a firework display using a certified Pyrotechnic Operator. Roll Call Vote: Treasurer Waterbury-Yes. Supervisor Easterday-Yes, Trustee Candy Cox-Yes, Trustee George Baker-Yes, Clerk Weigt-Yes. Motion Carried. The permit will be issued by Girard Township when WFCG meets all Liability requirements; such as, acquiring necessary (\$1-\$2 million) Special Liability Insurance, DEQ/DNR requirements and permits and other criteria that may apply. Girard Township assumes no liability for cost, damages, or injuries that may occur before, during or after firework display.

Supervisor Gene Easterday requested approval from the board to approach Doris Wigent, owner of 370 Peacock Dr. regarding interest in selling the fore-mentioned property to Girard Township if cost effective. The property is in dire need of demolition and cleanup.

If the property owner shows interest in selling, Girard Township would obtain an appraisal and develop a plan from that point. **Motion by** Trustee George Baker, support by Supervisor Gene Easterday to allow contact. Motion Carried. 5 Ayes, 0 Nay.

Commissioner's Report: The County Board approved an Operational Millage renewal for the COA to be placed on the August 7, 2018 Primary Ballot.

A Jail millage for 1.25 over the next 20 years will also appear on the August 7, 2018 Primary Ballot. (Subject to millage language and a resolution deadline of May 15, 2018).

County Board approved of hiring (2) part-time road deputies and a Corrections Officer. A full report can be viewed at the townhall.

Sextons Report: One burial, three foundations

Zoning Report: Three permits

Supervisor's Report: Demolition/Clean- up at 379 E. Girard Rd has been completed.

Attorney Chuck Lillis will present the final invoice to the Court. Girard Township is requesting the cost be placed on the owner's property taxes for their reimbursement.

Motion by Clerk Kathy Weigt to adjourn, Supported by Treasurer Julie Waterbury.
Adjourned at 7:58 p.m.