

Girard Township
1009 Marshall Rd.
COLDWATER, MI
October 7, 2019
REGULAR MEETING

Supervisor Gene Easterday called the meeting to order @ 7:00 P.M. Members present: Clerk Kathy Weigt, Trustee Candy Cox, Treasurer Julie Waterbury, and Trustee George Baker. Note: Approx. 13 public attendees.

Motion by Supervisor Gene Easterday, Support by Trustee George Baker to approve the agenda with the addition of the house on Peacock Dr. Motion Carried.

Motion by Treasurer Julie Waterbury, Support by Trustee George Baker to approve the September 3, 2019 Board Minutes as presented. Motion Carried.

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

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

Motion by Trustee Candy Cox, Support by Trustee Julie Waterbury to adopt Resolution 2019-5, Extending the existing (Mute Swan Management and Control Program Policy and Procedures) for another 5 years, 2019-2024. Roll Call Vote: Waterbury-Yes, Cox-Yes, Baker-Yes, Easterday-Yes and Weigt-Yes.

Public Comment: Neighbors from Adolph Shores Drive voiced a concern of the safety for people walking, properties, children and adults outside during an annual goose removal from property on the corner of River Road and Adolph Shores Dr.

Owner of the 10.1 acres, for the past 10+ years has allowed appointed hunters to come and eliminate intruding geese from her property. Conservation Officer James Madison was contacted regarding the concern. He measured the area in question and confirmed the owner was in compliance with the Law and Regulations.

Stated by the concerned parties, Officer Madison recommended they speak to the township board. Trustee Candy Cox will do a follow up with the Officer. Clerk Kathy Weigt suggested to the property owner to possibly send a courtesy letter to the neighborhood regarding the day and time this hunt will take place. This would give the neighbors the option to refrain from outdoor activity during the time frame listed in the notice.

Sheriff's Report: Highlights include: **Out of County Housing** cost to date: \$17,000. 2018 we were at \$61,000.

Sept. 25th launched a **STOPPED Program** (Sheriff Telling Parents Promoting Educated Drivers), a voluntary program. Parents may register their young drivers, 15 to 21 yrs., with MSA. If a stop occurs, Deputies will enter stop data and parent will be notified. You may register at MiSheriff.Org. 66 complaints in Girard Township

A full report is on file at the township for viewing.

Commissioner's Report: Highlights include: Board approved a resolution in support of extending fiber throughout the county. This is step one to allow the county to pursue obtaining ultra-highspeed fiber internet connection service for the county residents.

Jail Project: Tree clearing and foundation preparation will begin at the start of October 2019 and expect to complete work by the end of the month, weather permitting. The bid was awarded to the lowest bidder, Rusty 4 Farms.

EEE. Branch County is out of the treatment zone, although originally a portion of Sherwood Township was included.

Full Commissioner's report is on file at the township for viewing.

New Business: Trustee George Baker questioned if the township could take action on a house located on Peacock Dr. that has a collapsed roof and walls bowing out. Zoning Administrator Robert Hawley is working with the County to get the property condemned. Property is currently in foreclosure and owned by the State. Mr. Hawley will follow up to see if it went up for tax sale, and find out if the State is liable for any injuries if someone were to access the area.

Treasurer's Report: Summer taxes are now subject to penalty and interest. You can get that amount off our web page or call Township Treasurer.

Supervisor's Report: Special meeting with the Drain Commissioner on Friday-October 11, 2019 regarding weed control.

Zoning Report: One Permit, Working on a couple complaints

Sexton's Report: 1 full burial, six foundations poured, fence removal, 50 ton of gravel in process of spreading.

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Having no further business, **Motion by** Supervisor Gene Easterday, Support by Trustee George Baker to adjourn. Motion Carried. Adjourned 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Weigt-Clerk