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GIRARD TOWNSHIP BOARD

1009 Marshal Rd., Coldwater, MI 49036

Tuesday September 8, 2020 – 7:00 P.M. Regular Meeting

Supervisor, Gene Easterday called the meeting to order @ 7:00 P.M. Board members in attendance were Gene Easterday, Trustee Candy Cox, Treasurer Julie Waterbury, Clerk Kathy Weigt. Trustee George Baker. Note: Approx. 10 public attendees. Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Trustee Cox to approve the agenda with the addition of Resignation of Treasurer Waterbury, and the action to appoint Corey Collins as acting Treasurer to finish the term until the Nov. 3, 2020 General Election supported by Trustee Baker. 5 Ayes, 0 Nay.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Coldwater Fire Chief Dave Schmaltz and City Manager Keith Baker presented the 2019 CFD Annual Report Presentation. Highlights showed 34 calls for service in Girard Township during the year 2019 and 28 calls for the year 2020 as of August 21, 2020. A full report is on file with the clerk.

Greg Bailey (Bailey, Hodshire and Co. P.C.), was the CPA Accounting Firm hired by Girard Township to perform this year's Financial Statement Audit. Each board member was given a copy of his overall analysis. A page by page synopsis was explained with a pause for questions. In conclusion, Mr. Bailey reported Girard Township management is using appropriate use of accounting policies, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America.

Note: Trustee Cox was temporarily called away from the meeting.

Motion by Trustee Cox to approve the August 10, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes as presented, supported by Trustee Baker. Motion Carried, 4 Ayes, 0 Nay.

Motion by Treasurer Waterbury, support by Trustee Baker to accept and place on file the August 13, 2020 Planning Commission Minutes. 4 Ayes, 0 Nay.

Motion by Trustee Baker, supported by Treasurer Waterbury to pay the bills due, with the addition of Bailey, Hodshire Invoice of \$2700.00.

Motion Carried. 4 Ayes, 0 Nay.

Note: Trustee Cox has returned to the meeting.

Motion by Clerk Weigt, supported by Trustee Baker to accept and place on file the financial reports as presented. Motion Carried. 5 Ayes, 0 Nay.

Treasurer's Report: September 14, 2020 is the last day to collect summer property taxes, office hours will be 9:00a.m.- 5:00p.m. Applications for deferments are also due September 14, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Trustee Cox, support by Trustee Baker to accept the letter of resignation from Treasurer Waterbury effective Wednesday, September 9, 2020. Motion Carried.

Motion by Trustee Baker, support by Trustee Cox to appoint Corey Collins as active treasurer for the remainder of the term. Roll Call Vote; Trustee Cox- Yes, Trustee Baker- Yes, Supervisor Easterday- Yes and Clerk Weigt-Yes. Treasurer Waterbury abstained. Treasurer Collins will appoint Julie Waterbury as Deputy Treasurer.

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Motion by Trustee Cox, support by Trustee Baker to approve the following proposed Zoning Changes: Article 6- Supplemental Regulations, Page 6-2, Section I, Subsection 2. The word “porches” is added, to now read: “Decks and porches may project into a required yard setback area provided.” Article 6-Supplemental Regulations, Page 6-3, Section I, Subsection 2-C. Three bullet points have been modified/added to now read: “The maximum extent of the encroachment into the required setback areas are:” * Ten (10) feet into a rear yard or waterfront yard setback area.

*Three (3) feet into the side yard setback area.

*At no point be closer than five (5) feet to any property line.

Article 15- AG District, Section 15.04, Subsection E-3. Additional wording to now read: “Rear Yard, not less than fifty (50) feet, except for a detached accessory building which may be twenty (20) feet.”

Article 16- R-1 Low Density Residential Districts, Page 16-3, Section 16.04, Subsections 4 and 5. Wording changes/additions to now read: “4. Waterfront Yard: There shall be a waterfront yard not less than the average waterfront yard for all lots within 200 feet on either side of the lot in question. If there are no buildings on the lots within 200 feet, the rear yard shall be at least 40 feet when measured from the water’s edge.”

“5. Roadside Waterfront Yard: There shall be a roadside waterfront yard not less than the average roadside yard for all lots within 200 feet on either side of the lot in question. If there are no buildings on the lots within 200 feet, the roadside yard shall be at least 20 feet.” Motion Carried. Zoning Administrator Robert Hawley will publish the amendments in newspaper.

Sexton’s Report: 3 burials for the month of August, Tree trimming, gravel, restoration of footers at West Girard.

Assessor’s Report: Twenty-one data base audit will be in 2021.

Informational material was given to the board regarding every county must have a Designated Assessor on file with the State Tax Commission by December 31, 2020.

Zoning Report: Reported 5 permits in August. 27 permits for the year.

Supervisor Report: **Motion by** Trustee Baker, support by Supervisor Easterday to purchase 370 Peacock Drive for the amount owed in back taxes and accept the bid from Parrish Excavating for the amount of \$12K to demo and cleanup the stated property. Motion Failed. 2 Ayes, 3 Nay.

Forming a three (3) person Road Committee and Cemetery Committee was given to the board as food for thought.

Having no further business, Supervisor declares the meeting adjourned. “8:20p.m.”

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Weigt

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