

## ROLLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

October 12, 2011

Supervisor Jenkins called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Members present were Supervisor Jenkins, Clerk Gust, Treasurer Willett, and Trustees McGrath and Wilson. Gust would like to amend the agenda to add Insurance to new business. Motion by Wilson, support by McGrath to accept the agenda as amended. All aye, motion carried. Motion by Willett, support by Wilson to accept the disbursements as presented, excluding check #16045 payable to the Hartleb Agency until the insurance provider is chosen. All aye, motion carried. Motion by McGrath, support by Wilson to accept the minutes of September 14, 2011 as presented. All aye, motion carried. Motion by Gust, support by McGrath to accept the Treasurers report as presented, subject to audit. All aye, motion carried. Jim Hnilo from Hartleb agency would like to continue to provide insurance to the township. He does recommend updating the coverage to add an umbrella of at least one million dollars. This is a layer of coverage over and above all existing liability limits. The total premium without umbrella is \$5244.75. Kevin Decker from MCM Group presented his proposal. MCM Group's proposal is based on two million dollars in coverage. The group now offers grant program with a limit of \$7500 per grant, and dividends based on loss history. These two programs allow for a partial payback of premium, and are based on a three year look back period. Restrictions on the grant require the money be used for risk reduction items. Kevin also believes we need to increase the limits of coverage. Wilson and Gust would prefer to have time to review the proposals.

Auditor Phil Rubley gave the audit report. The township is in a strong financial position, and received an unqualified report, which is the highest report that can be given. He recommends keeping a close watch on the street light fund to ensure that there is enough revenue to cover expenses.

Citizen's comments were heard regarding civil infractions and the firearms ordinance. Peterson feels that the township does not have the ability to regulate firearms. Woodstock township reports civil infractions have been used for the past two years, resulting in only 3 tickets issued and no court involvement. Burch compared the draft ordinances to the originals. The original music concert ordinance, now re-written as outdoor entertainment is a completely different ordinance. Perhaps all non-profit organizations should be exempt from the ordinance. The hazardous building ordinance has no provision to allow repair of buildings. Inoperable vehicles & boats ordinance does not define a vehicle, and the junk and littering ordinance classifies grass clippings and ashes as junk. Questions if farm animals should be considered exotic pets. At a past meeting the public stated they do not want Civil Infractions. He would ask that the board have a special public meeting on proposed governing ordinances before they are enacted. McClain would like some public discussions before the ordinances are passed. Jenkins stated these are draft ordinances open to review and suggestion by the board. They are not ready to pass at this time, and must be reviewed by the attorney before being adopted. The purpose of governing ordinances is to protect the health, welfare and safety of citizens.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were two appeals, both granted as per application. Jenkins appointed committee to interview applicants for opening on the appeal board. McGrath, Wilson, and Arlen Miller will interview. Assessor had no report. Building Inspector reports 3 inspections. Electrical Inspector reports 16 inspections. Fire Board reports ladder truck is due to be delivered later this month. Rollin Township is charged with 28 calls for the month of August. Planning Commission has finished with the wind ordinance, and is discussing the possible establishment of a lake residential zoning district. Thanks to Olis Burch for his work on the wind generation ordinance. Transfer Station will go to winter hours starting November 1. New hours will be from 12 noon to 4 pm each Saturday. Zoning Enforcement reports 12 inspections: 2 site reviews, 4 footer inspections, and 6 post hole inspection. Website reports 12775 hits for September, up from 2010, but down from August. Most visited pages were township history, and Devils and Round lakes management reports.

Senator Bruce Caswell was present to give an update. He spoke about the taxing of pensions, changes to the property tax credit, and discussed the state budget. He states that the proposed new bridge will not have enough traffic to support or pay for the project. It is not an economically feasible project.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Jenkins explained that Governing ordinances are police power ordinances of the township for the health, safety and welfare of the residents. Zoning deals with property and its uses. Jenkins has checked briefly with attorney, would like the board to consider a resolution to rescind the Firearms ordinance #18 because it is under the jurisdiction of the state of Michigan; and the Boat operation ordinance #7 because it is the jurisdiction of the state and county. Motion by Gust, support by Wilson, to pass a resolution to rescind the firearms and boat operations ordinance. Wilson – yes, McGrath-yes, Willett – yes, Gust – yes, and Jenkins – yes, Motion carried.

Wilson feels that the outdoor entertainment ordinance is unnecessary. McGrath would like to discuss them informally, but that is impossible due to the open meetings act. Willett believes the limit on inoperable vehicles is too high. Gust would like to see other township's ordinances on nuisances, littering, and hazardous buildings. More work will be done with these proposed ordinances before they are considered.

The Veteran's memorial is progressing. We have secured donations for concrete from Darby, with concrete finishing being done by Butch Griewahn. A monument will be purchased from Adrian Monument at a cost of \$2940.78. It will have emblems representing each branch of the service and a short message of thanks for veteran's service. Motion by Wilson, support by Willett to approve the purchase of a monument for Green's cemetery at a cost of \$2940.78. Wilson – yes, McGrath – yes, Willett – yes, Gust – yes, and Jenkins – yes. Motion carried.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Willett, support by Gust to allow the Prelipp family to use the hall October 23 from 1 – 5 pm. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Gust, support by McGrath to allow the Dart family to use the hall October 22, from 2 – 5 pm. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Willett, support by Gust to allow the Walters family to use the hall December 17, 2011. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Gust, support by Wilson to allow the LPL to use the hall December 10, 2011 at 11:00 am. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by McGrath, support by Willett to accept the proposal from Hartleb agency for the 2011-2012 year. In the future, please send proposals at least a month in advance. Wilson – yes, McGrath – yes, Willett – yes, Gust – yes, and Jenkins – yes. Motion carried.

McGrath would like to clarify polling place for the November school elections will be at the township hall. Transfer station will accept yard waste and limbs for composting. Draft policy on mail handling will need to be reviewed. There will be more policies distributed to the board in the future.

Julie Peterson offered to assist with gathering governing ordinances from other townships. Dave Itle offered to assist with tire collection.

Motion by McGrath, support by Gust to adjourn at 8:50 PM. All aye, motion carried.

Sharon M. Gust  
Rollin Township Clerks