

Rollin Township Board Meeting October 14, 2009

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. Motion by Wilson, support by McGrath to accept the agenda as presented. All aye, motion carried. Motion by Wilson, support by McGrath to accept the minutes of the September 9, 2009 meeting as mailed. All aye, motion carried. Motion by Willett, support by Wilson to accept the disbursements as presented. All aye, motion carried. Motion by Gust, support by Wilson to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, subject to audit. All aye, motion carried. Correspondence was read from the Dept of Agriculture, DEQ regarding the seawall at Peach Tree, River Raisin Watershed, the Salvation Army, speed study on Hallenbeck Hwy, a thank you from the Minster Family, Dave Itle regarding snow plowing, Santiago family regarding the requested removal of the no parking signs on Sandy Beach Road, and a request that the township purchase a DVD player. Three residents pledged donations towards the purchase of a DVD player. Citizen's comments were heard regarding the speed study on Hallenbeck.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were 2 appeals, one approved as per application, and another for approval of minutes for a court hearing. Assessor reports she is looking at all sales and foreclosures. Building Inspector reports 11 inspections. Cemeteries: question regarding the filling of graves. Electrical Inspector reports 7 inspections and 1 registration. Fire Board reports paramedic course requires 250 hours per person, first test in October. The board is investigating having an Insurance Service Office official to inspect the department and possibly result in lower insurance rates for twp residents. Rollin Township is charged with 36 calls for the month of August. The cost of a burn training trailer is \$348,000 and the amount of the grant is \$493310, with a 10% match. This will cover the purchase of the trailer. They are trying to raise an additional \$50,000 to allow the purchase of a drive simulator. Posey Lake Drain Board met in September and is ready to start the project after the township approves the roll. Motion by Gust, support by Willett to pay for two representatives to attend the annual meeting of the River Raisin Watershed Council at a cost of \$50.00. Wilson – yes, McGrath – yes, Willett – yes, Gust – yes, and Jenkins – yes. Motion carried. Park reports the pole, bracket, and backboard have been donated. Planning Commission held a public hearing for Bennett on Devils Lake Hwy. Residents in attendance were not in favor of the rezoning. Transfer Station requests purchase of a first aid kit. Motion by Wilson, support by Willett to purchase a first aid kit for the transfer station. All aye, motion carried. Transfer station will be on winter hours starting November 7, 2009. Zoning Enforcement reports 10 site inspections, and performed 4 fence and footer inspections for the month of September. A volunteer will be assisting in scanning the documents for storage. A stop work order is being worked through, and Miller would like to request an injunction to stop him from working. Motion by Wilson, support by Gust to pursue an injunction against the property owner at 2959 Geneva Hwy, who is building through a stop work order. All aye, motion carried. Website reports 4426 hits for September. Rollin Woodstock Sanitary Drain held a meeting with septage haulers. Posey Lake sewer board voted not to accept the settlement offer from Consumers Energy. Motion by McGrath, support by Willett to accept the consent agenda as presented. All aye, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Sandy beach Road parking situation is still in the hands of state police for evaluation. The correspondence has been forwarded to the appropriate agencies.

Peach Tree court seawall must be removed by November 15, 2009. Motion by Gust, support by Willett to allow Jenkins to hire a contractor to remove the seawall with the bill assessed to the property owners if they do not remove it. Wilson – yes, McGrath – yes, Willett – yes, Gust – yes, and Jenkins – yes. Motion carried.

Township development committee reports no activity.

Park and transfer station bids Jerry suggests the township look into using the hard labor crew from the county to complete the project. Motion by Wilson, support by McGrath, to use hard labor crews to complete the clean up work at the transfer station, cemetery and park, subject to receiving further information from the sheriff department. Wilson – yes, McGrath – yes, Willett – yes, Gust – yes, and Jenkins – yes. Motion carried.

The township has received the preliminary evaluation of Round Lake from Lakeshore Environmental with six sites tested. At the beginning of treatment there were 150 acres of milfoil, the survey at the completion of one season of treatment showed approximately 90 acres currently infested with milfoil. One area has totally disappeared. The estimated cost for the 2010 assessment is \$50,050. This does not include township expenses. Assessments should drop to approximately 60-65% of this years' assessment.

NEW BUSINESS

Joe Brezvai was present to discuss the resolution allowing the bonds to be sold to go forward with the project. The application has been filed to sell the bonds and has been pre-approved. The resolution presented is for the amount of total assessment and approval of the assessment roll with a tentative project start date of November 1, 2009. Jenkins read the resolution. Motion by Wilson, support by McGrath to pass a resolution and authorize the Clerk to sign the affidavit for the improvement of Posey Lake Wilson – yes, McGrath – yes, Willett – yes, Gust – yes, and Jenkins – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Willett, support by Gust to approve a special use permit for Russell allowing a one chair beauty salon in her home at Cherry St. in Manitou Beach. Wilson – yes, McGrath – yes, Willett - yes Gust – yes, and Jenkins -yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wilson, support by Gust to accept the PA116 for Baker as presented. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Wilson, support by McGrath to reimburse the supervisor \$60 for attending the seminar on invasive species. Wilson – yes, McGrath – yes, Willett – yes, Gust – yes, and Jenkins – abstain. Motion carried.

Jenkins addressed the board regarding dock and boat lift storage on the road right of way blocking visibility and at a height that could injure a motorist in a winter accident.

Boat lifts and docks should not be stored on public accesses. Jenkins would like to have the mowing contractor mow each access a couple of times per year.

Motion by Wilson, support by McGrath to allow the Winters family to use the hall November 1, 2009 from noon to 6pm. All aye, motion carried.

Board comments were heard regarding: Zoning office needs a new name plate. Motion by Willett, support by McGrath to install a new name sign on the zoning office. All aye, motion carried. Trailer bonds should be refunded to homeowners Betkey, Houser, and Bowman. Wilson reports the cutting torch set and cart is for sale by sealed bid and will be opened at the November meeting. House bill 4050 would take away our ability to add delinquent utility bills to the tax bills. Wilson opposes and suggests writing to representatives.

Citizen's comments were heard regarding water runoff problems on neighbors. The township cannot take any action; it is a matter between neighbors. Jenkins recommends contacting an attorney. Marzolf presented a report on Devils Lake. There were 630 points inspected on Devils Lake. Hand harvesting is recommended for Purple loosestrife, which was found in small quantities. Curly leaf

pondweed was found in .3 percent of the lake and also recommended for hand harvesting. Milfoil was found covering approximately 154 acres. Out of 19 different species of weeds were found in the lake, only two are invasive. Seventeen percent of Devils Lake is in milfoil, and herbicides are not recommended at this time. It is recommended to seed weevils in nine areas with a density of 4000 weevils per area next year. Lynn Wilson wants to add a link on the website to the study. Jenkins advised contacting Woodstock Township for permission to link to the study. Questions were raised regarding the renaming of North and South Hallenbeck Hwy. and speed limit issues, and the court case on Woerner Road.

Motion by Willett, support by Gust to adjourn at 9:20 pm. All aye, motion carried.

Sharon M. Gust
Rollin Township Clerk