

## ROLLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

November 11, 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 Willett, support by Wilson to accept the agenda as presented. All aye, motion carried. Motion by McGrath, support by Willett to accept the minutes of the October 14, 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 McGrath to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, subject to audit. All aye, motion carried. Jim Gartin, President of Lenawee County Economic Development Committee, advised the township of the purpose of the committee. Presently they maintain and help grow existing companies by helping them to diversify, and try to find new companies to add new jobs to Lenawee County. Bruce Caswell, a candidate for State Senate, addressed the board regarding his campaign for Senate. Correspondence was read from the DEQ. There were no citizen's comments.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were three appeals, one approved as per application, one approved with compromise, and one denied as presented. Assessor reports December Board of Review will be held Dec. 15 for corrections to the roll. Building Inspector reports 10 inspections. Electrical Inspector reports 8 inspections. Fire Board reports discussing possible investment changes, and has received a donation of \$50,000. Station 3 will now be called the Donald E Murdock Building in honor of Mr. Murdock's generosity and support for the fire department. Rollin Township is charged with 14 calls for the month of September. Posey Lake Drain Board met Oct 22 to award the bid on the project to Jay Sebastian Excavating. The contractor is ready to begin work as soon as the bond issue is settled and the crops are out of the field. The anticipated date of completion is 55 days after start. River Raisin Watershed Council held its annual meeting and reports that due to economic hardships the director has been given a four month layoff. The council is asking for donations. Adrian College is assisting them with adopt a stream program. An educational tool targeting elementary students has been printed. Planning Commission held a meeting with Tim Anderson from Region 2 to discuss the ordinances, and the planning enabling act. The sub committee will continue to work on ordinances. A public hearing was scheduled for December 15 for Martin on Rome Road. Transfer Station revenues are as expected and winter hours have started. New winter hours are 12 – 4 pm. Zoning Enforcement reports 7 site inspections. A resident who was working through stop work orders has come into compliance. All roads south of Rome road have been inspected. Four instances of dumping, and nine dilapidated buildings have been found. Website reports 4463 hits for October. The fire board page has been reorganized to reverse order of minutes, and all minutes will be changing to pdf files. Posey Lake Sanitary Drain held a special meeting to accept the offer from Consumer's Energy. The original estimate showed a loss of \$30000; however the statute of limitations has run out on a portion of this, so the counter offer of \$15000 was accepted by the board. Motion by McGrath, support by Wilson to accept the consent agenda as presented. All aye, motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS

Several residents of Peach Tree Court were present to address the board regarding the seawall. They estimate they have spent about \$5000 to maintain the access. If an after the fact permit is requested, Griewahn will pay the \$100 fee. The board has discussed this on two occasions and requested removal of the wall. McGrath and Wilson object to the installation without a permit. Willett stated that an after the fact permit can only be issued if we request it as property owners. Motion by McGrath, support by Willett to revisit the situation on Peach Tree Ct. Four aye, one opposed. Motion carried 4 – 1. Motion by McGrath, support by Wilson to rescind previous action and allow the seawall to remain at Peach Tree Ct., filing an after the fact permit application.

Application fee will be paid by the Contractor. Wilson – yes, McGrath – yes, Willett – yes, Gust – no, and Jenkins – yes. Motion carried.

#### NEW BUSINESS

McClain requests removal of 2 x 3 signage restriction for the conditional use permit and allow the signage as per the sign ordinance with a maximum size of 24 sq ft. Motion by Wilson, support by McGrath to rescind the allowance of a 6 sq ft sign and permit the sign as per ordinances of 24 sq ft or less. All aye, motion carried.

Two bids were received for the torch set: Richard Marks \$53.00 and Leonard Gust \$75. Motion by Wilson, support by McGrath to accept the bid of \$75 from Leonard Gust. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by McGrath, support by Wilson to adopt a resolution to set an assessment district for the treatment of Eurasian milfoil in Round Lake for a period of 5 years. Meeting will be held at 10 am Jan 16, 2010, with a back up date of Jan 23. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Gust, support by Wilson to allow the Walters family to use the hall December 13, 2009. All aye, motion carried.

Census bureau requests use of the hall for testing November 25, 2009 from 2 – 9 pm and December 23, 2009 from 2 – 5 pm. Motion by Willett, support by Wilson to allow the census bureau to use the hall for testing on November 25, from 2 – 9 pm and December 23, from 2 – 5 pm.

Motion by McGrath, support by Willett to allow the LPL to use the hall Sat Dec 12, 2009. All aye, motion carried.

Board comments were heard regarding the Perry decision regarding the possibility of seeking civil infractions or using the nuisance ordinance. Motion by Wilson, support by Willett to pursue Perry in civil court. Two ayes, three nays. Motion defeated. Jenkins recommends establishing civil infractions and then taking action against Perry. Jenkins suggests not using a law firm to assist the planning commission. He will call planning companies in MI to get further information.

Citizen's comments were heard regarding having the MTA get involved with reviewing ordinances from other townships, a thank you from the Peach Tree Ct residents, and water runoff on a neighbor on Geneva Hwy. The situation was probably installed correctly, but is now failing and will require repair. The issue is with property owner not the township. Wilson and Willett request contacting the attorney for clarification regarding this issue. Greens cemetery sign is complete and up, Dick McGee will be thanked for the work. Perry still has chickens, dogs, police dog, one horse, and five steers on the property. Dr. Martin from the biology dept of Adrian College will have students help with weevils and surveys.

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

Sharon M. Gust  
Rollin Township Clerk