

## **ROLLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**

November 9, 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. After the pledge of allegiance, the veteran's were recognized for their service. Motion by Wilson, support by Willett to accept the agenda as presented. All aye, motion carried. Motion by Willett, support by Wilson to accept the disbursements as presented. All aye, motion carried. Motion by McGrath, support by Wilson to accept the minutes of October 12, 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. Correspondence was read from Bruce Henderson regarding the tree trimming done by Consumers Energy, and the Land and lake ladies club requesting use of the township hall on Friday, February 3, 2012 from 1 pm until Sunday, February 5, 2012 at approximately 1 pm. This request will be added to new business. Citizen's comments were heard regarding the proposed draft ordinances. The new outdoor entertainment ordinance is not just a revision of the music concert ordinance. It was stated that the township should encourage activities that will bring income into the township. The Men's Club questioned if a permit is required for their festival and how they should proceed in the future. Men's club events are allowed to be advertised on the website per policy. Men's Club will be in communication with the township regarding their festivities in the future.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no appeals. Assessor had no report. Building Inspector reports 8 inspections. Electrical Inspector reports 18 inspections. Fire Board reports the ladder truck should be delivered soon. Rollin Township is charged with 18 calls for the month of September. The truck that was kept at Cement City will be pulled due to nonpayment of their agreement. Planning Commission is working on reviewing the ordinances. They are planning to add a lake residential district to the zoning. Transfer Station reports revenue is as expected for winter hours. Leaves are being accepted for mulch. Woodstock Township residents have been asking if we can enter into an agreement for the use of the transfer station. Zoning Enforcement reports 9 inspections: 2 site reviews, and 7 placement inspections. Website reports 9741 hits for October. Most visited pages were Sutton family and history pages. Links were updated for the building department. Park committee has been brainstorming and has some suggestions for improvements at the park for grant purposes, including the possibility of adding some horseshoe pits, putting posts along the driveway, improving and rebuilding the driveway to withstand the traffic volume, adding a walking trail around the perimeter of the park, adding picnic tables in the tree area, thinning trees, cleaning up the west side of drive and installing a fence, and a request to pour a cement pad and reset the grills. Motion by McGrath, support by Gust to accept the consent agenda as presented. All aye, motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Jenkins would like to work on the proposed Governing ordinances #6 Outdoor Entertainment and #12 Hazardous buildings tonight. After much discussion from the board, some wording has been changed and will be presented next month for possible approval. Marcia feels the fees are too high; Gust would prefer not to charge for events unless organized by professional promoters; Wilson wants to divide local events from professionals, not collect a percentage of gate proceeds, but the township should have some sort of ordinance in case of large concert, et cetera; McGrath does not foresee any large groups coming in, and the township should not charge locals for their activities. The township should be notified before large events. Jenkins does not agree with 2% gate, or the permit fee of \$2500. He would suggest no more than \$100, and required from only for profit groups. Insurance and bonds should be available. Questions from the public were regarding a limit of 25 people at

family gatherings, the possibility of exempting for purposes of stimulating business or sales. Will the Music Concert Ordinance be eliminated? There is a re-codification ordinance that will be passed to renumber the ordinances when they are finished. Al Hedrick presented a paper showing the Men's Club donations to the community. Highland Inn is allowed 12 outdoor events a year and will keep the board apprised of the scheduled dates in the future.

Ordinance #12 hazardous buildings: Residents believe that agricultural buildings should be exempt, as they are exempt from building permits and that houses should be able to be repaired if possible.

#### NEW BUSINESS

After interviewing three candidates for the opening on the Zoning Board of Appeals, the committee recommends appointing John Seiser to the Appeal board as alternate.

Motion by McGrath, support by Gust to accept the breakdown of costs to improve the dam on Devils Lake to help control erosion on the inlet side of the structure using steel seawall, at a cost of \$4443.10 as requested by the Drain Commissioner. Rollin township is charged with 74% of the cost and Woodstock is charged with 26%, based on historical percentages. Wilson – yes, McGrath – yes, Willett – yes, Gust – yes, and Jenkins – yes. Motion carried.

The attorney has reviewed a proposed ordinance regarding storage of materials on the Public Accesses of the township. The board should review this ordinance and be prepared with suggestions for improvements or suggestions for change next month.

Motion by Gust, support by Willett to accept the proposal from Spicer group in the amount of \$4800 to work up a conceptual plan to present to the state for a possible passport grant. There is a possibility that the DNR will not permit a grant to be issued since the Lookout access cannot be made handicapped accessible, however we might be able to trade the handicap access requirements by doing some improvement at Grove/Lakeview access. Wilson – no, McGrath - yes, Willett - yes, Gust – yes, and Jenkins – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Willett, support by Gust to allow the Land and Lake Ladies Club to use the hall as requested during the weekend of February 3 - 5, 2012. All aye, motion carried.

Board comments: Special assessments have been confirmed with county, the majority of the specials are delinquent sewers, and several drain districts.

Citizen's comments were heard regarding use of road ends, and the possibility of purchasing a lighted sign to put out by the road to notify public of meetings. Snowmobile access signs will be installed yet this fall if possible. Men's club has discussed donating for sign for township hall. An ad hoc committee comprised of Al Hedrick, Sharon Gust, and Jerry Wilson will explore sign ideas.

Motion by McGrath, support by Gust to adjourn at 9:55 PM. All aye, motion carried.

Sharon M. Gust  
Rollin Township Clerks