

ROLLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
December 14, 2011

Supervisor Jenkins called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 pm. Members present were Supervisor Jenkins, Clerk Gust, Treasurer Willett, and Trustees McGrath and Wilson. Motion by McGrath, support by Wilson to accept the agenda as presented. All aye, motion carried. Motion by Willett, support by McGrath to accept the disbursements as presented. All aye, motion carried. Motion by Wilson, support by Willett to accept the minutes of November 9, 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 the Road Commission regarding dates for the annual meeting with the board. There were no Citizen's comments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were two appeals, granted with compromise. Assessor reports Board of Review met this week for corrections to the roll. Building Inspector reports 12 inspections. Electrical Inspector reports 7 inspections. Cemetery veteran's monument will be delivered in the next few weeks, and be ready for dedication on Saturday, May 19, 2012. Land & Lake Ladies club will plant flowers around the monument in the spring. A committee will be appointed to organize the dedication. Driveway at the cemetery needs some stone. Fire Board reports Rollin Township is charged with 5 calls for the month of October. Ladder truck has been delivered. New training center should be closed in before winter. Chief is investigating refurbishing the old ambulances, rather than purchasing new to save money. Park reports trees have been marked for removal. Planning Commission is working on reviewing the ordinances. Transfer Station revenue is holding steady for winter. The transfer station will be open Christmas Eve and New Years Eve. The office floor needs replacement. Motion by Wilson, support by Gust to replace the floor at the transfer station office at a cost of \$150.00. Wilson – yes, McGrath – yes, Willett – yes, Gust – yes, and Jenkins – yes. Motion carried. Zoning Enforcement reports 10 inspections: 5 site reviews, and 5 posthole/placement inspections. Website reports 11087 hits for November. Most visited pages were History, board minutes, and tax information. Sign committee reports discussing a digital sign on a pedestal for the township hall. Motion by McGrath, support by Wilson to accept the consent agenda as presented. All aye, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Governing ordinances #6 Outdoor Entertainment: Jenkins updated the ordinance with recommended changes and presented it to the board. Willett questions fees. After much discussion from the board, it was approved to be sent to the attorney.

Ordinance #12 Hazardous Buildings has been sent to the attorney.

Motion by Wilson, support by Willett to confirm the appointment of John Seiser to the Board of Appeals. Wilson – yes, McGrath – yes, Willett – yes, Gust – yes, and Jenkins – yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Gust, support by McGrath to re-appoint Arlen Miller to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Wilson – yes, McGrath – yes, Willett – yes, Gust – yes, and Jenkins – yes. Motion carried.

Interview Committee would like to see Julie Peterson and Nancy Nichols re-appointed to the Planning Commission to allow continuity during the re-writing of the ordinances. The board discussed allowing those already seated on the commission the time needed to complete their work. Motion by Wilson, support by McGrath to re-appoint Nancy Nichols and Julie Peterson to the Planning Commission for a three year term. Wilson – yes, McGrath – yes, Willett – yes, Gust – yes, and Jenkins – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Willet, support by Wilson to increase the poverty exemption for property taxes to 125% of the state poverty level as set by Michigan state guidelines issued Oct 1 each year. All aye, motion carried.

The hall will be closed Monday, December 26, 2011 and Monday, January 2, 2012 for the Holidays. The hall will be OPEN on Friday Dec 30, 2011 from 9:30 – 5 pm as the last day for tax collection in 2011.

Motion by Wilson, support by McGrath to allow the Elston family to use the hall on January 8, 2012. All aye, motion carried.

The township has received complaints of a large truck in a yard and vehicles in front of the Partee property. Resident is refusing to remove the large truck from the front yard. Jenkins requests this complaint be sent to the attorney. Motion by McGrath, support by Willett to consult the attorney regarding the Partee property. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by McGrath, support by Gust to go into closed session at 8:10 pm to discuss legal issues regarding the Glowacki property. All aye, motion carried.

The board returned to open session at 8:20 pm.

Motion by Wilson, support by Willett to accept the recommendation of the attorney for the Glowacki property as presented in the stipulation and order of the circuit court judge. Wilson - yes, McGrath - yes, Willett – yes, Gust - yes, and Jenkins – yes. Motion carried.

Board comments were heard regarding: the septage hauled into the Rollin Woodstock treatment plant exceeds the anticipated income for 2011. Station N at end of Manitou Beach road has been failing when we have large rains. The Drain Commissioner recommends installing a dry pump at this station. It would have radio communication with other lifts stations to slow the flow and allow the pump to catch up, which should solve the problem. It was also recommended that the township maintain a reserve of at least \$12000 for maintenance and improvements at Posey Lake. The system electronics are getting old and will need to be replaced as they fail. Willett reported a house on Rome Road is being occupied without a permit. The building inspector is aware of the problem and is working on a remedy.

There were no citizen's comments.

Motion by McGrath, support by Gust to adjourn at 8:35 PM. All aye, motion carried.

Sharon M. Gust
Rollin Township Clerk