

Rollin Township Board Meeting ~ April 13, 2016

- Supervisor Jenkins called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 PM. Members present were Supervisor Jenkins, Treasurer Willet, Clerk Combs and Trustees Wilson and Walker. Quorum was reached.
- Motion by Wilson and supported by Walker to approve amended agenda. Added to agenda was Hawkins quit claim deed and Road Projects. All ayes, motion carried.
- Motion by Willett and supported by Walker to approve March 9, 2016 meeting minutes. On March 9, 2016 there were two meetings; Special meeting to meet with Chief Shaw and discuss Fire Department annual budget and the regular meeting All ayes, motion carried.
- Motion by Walker and supported by Wilson to approve March 29, 2016 Special Meeting minutes. All ayes, motion carried.
- Motion by Willett and supported by Wilson to approve the disbursements. Roll call - Willett-yes, Combs-yes, Wilson-yes, Walker-yes and Jenkins-yes. Motion carried.
- Motion by Willett and supported by Walker to pay the Postmaster \$72.00 for annual post office box rental. Roll call: Wilson-yes, Walker-yes, Willett-yes, Combs-yes and Jenkins-yes. Motion carried.
- Motion by Walker and supported by Wilson to accept the Treasurer's report, which will include a 44 cents correction, which was an interest payment posted to wrong account, subject to audit. All ayes, motion carried.
- Correspondence: Tornado siren test will be conducted on April 14, 2016 at 5:55PM.
- County Commission Report: Jim Driskill expressed his support for the upgrading of the county 911 system. He mentioned two websites that has the county activities noted; Lenawee.mi.us and Lenawee.paperless.com.
- Citizen's comments: Jim Driskill recommended that the township organize a committee to evaluate township board member's salaries. Mr. Driskill stated that he believes Supervisor Jenkins is under paid for what he does for the township.

Committee Reports (consent agenda)

- Appeals- none
- Assessor: Handled 46 phone calls, did (1) appeal, met with 32 residents at Board of Review, completed 15 site inspections and had 27 taxpayers appeals for Board of Review and Veterans Exemptions also (2) hardships.
- Building Inspector- 28 inspections
- Cemeteries: No activity.
- Electrical Inspector- 10 inspections and (2) contractor registrations.
- Fire Board: Meeting was held on March 31, 2016 and the budget was approved. The Fire Department had a 6% reduction from Rollin Township and other members of Fire Board were also reduced accordingly. In February handled 101 calls. They purchased new Jaws of Life and breathing apparatus.

-Supervisor Report: Completed budget, several requests were cut in order to reduce expenditures with a goal of 6% less than last year. Road repairs and maintenance took the largest reduction with the Fire Department taking the second greatest. It is disappointing that the township must cut back on services, but it is a must to strive for a balanced budget. Several options for increasing revenue have been presented to the Township Board. The General Fund millage, which supports both road maintenance and the Fire Department, has not been increased since 1994, except for increased value from new constructions. The Round Lake boat ramp is on hold as a result of the MDEQ review. Presently looking at a grant to bring a recycling operation back to Jerry's Market.

-Park: no activity.

-Township hall use request: 4-23-2016-Ron Keaton, 4-30-2016-Karon Dinuis and 5-7-2016-Shannon Jewel.

-Transfer Station: (4) collections consisting of \$1,432.00 collected.

-Website: No report.

-Zoning Enforcement: 3 permit and 3 violations.

-Planning Commission: Meeting was held on April 7, 2016, discussion on walking trails in Rollin Township.

-R.R. Watershed Council: No meeting, next meeting is April 21, 2016.

-Motion by Willett and supported by Walker to approve consent agenda. All ayes, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

-Motion by Walker and supported by Willett to hire Barb Johnson as Janitor at \$13.00 per hour with 90 day probationary period. Roll call: Wilson-yes, Walker-yes, Willett-yes, Combs-yes and Jenkins-yes. Motion carried.

-Motion by Walker and supported by Wilson to increase Electrical Inspector's permit fee to \$40.00 per inspection. This is a five dollar increase per inspection. It has been over seven years since the inspector received an increase. Roll call: Wilson-yes, Walker-yes, Willett-yes, Combs-yes and Jenkins-yes. Motion carried.

-A report was given by Andrew Haring, student working on township Zoning Maps. The maps will be completed in May, 2016. Special thanks to Andrew for his work on this project.

-The township received two bids on (9) sections of dock. High bid was for \$20.00 per section to Jennifer Crumb. Motion by Wilson and supported by Willett to sell the dock sections to Crumb for a total of \$180.00. Roll call: Wilson-yes, Walker-yes, Willett-yes, Combs-yes and Jenkins-yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

-Presentation on 911 funding was given by Dave Aungst. Presently the cost for the surcharge is \$1.18 per phone and the county is asking for an increase to \$3.00 per phone for (5) years to upgrade the 911 system to receive texts, photos, videos and GPA locations. The present system is out dated and parts are no longer available to fix the system. The Special Election on May 3, 2016 residents will be voting on this issue.

-Motion by Willett and supported by Wilson to table Outdoor Entertainment Ordinance. All ayes, motion carried.

-Motion by Walker and supported by Willett to approve the map for the Rockin' the Hills scheduled for August 6, 2016. Last year this event was held and it was very successful. All ayes, motion carried.

-Supervisor Jenkins gave recognition to T.J. Anger for his Eagle Scout project of documenting grave locations in all three of our cemeteries. A letter of accomplishment will be presented to T. J. Anger.

-Discussion was held on ways to increase revenue for Rollin Township. Several items were discussed, although only one item at this time was voted on. Supervisor Jenkins stressed that the Board continue to look at ways to increase revenue. Resolution by Walker and supported by Willett to ask the residents to vote on a Fire Millage of .25 mil which is additional \$25.00 per \$100,000 assessment. Other townships have Fire Millages and up to this time, Rollin Township has been paying the Fire Department out of the General Fund. Roll call: Wilson-no, Walker-yes, Willett-yes, Combs-yes and Jenkins-yes.

-Jerry Wilson discussed an article in this month publication of Michigan Township Association on Liquor Licenses that can affect townships. He encouraged board members to review the article.

-Motion by Wilson and supported by Walker to issue a Quit claim deed to Richard Hawkins for three graves in Quaker Cemetery per advice of township attorney. Four ayes and one nay (Combs). Motion carried.

-Road Projects were tabled until next meeting.

-Board comments: Combs noted that many sewer cards were returned to the township due to post office sorting machines tearing the cards in two.

-Citizen's comments were heard.

-Supervisor Jenkins adjourns the meeting at 9:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Denice Combs, Rollin Township Clerk

Minutes approved:

Date: _____ Supervisor: _____ Clerk: _____