

ROLLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
July 13, 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. Motion by Wilson, support by McGrath to accept the agenda as presented. All aye, motion carried. Motion by McGrath, support by Wilson to accept the minutes of the June 8, 2011 meeting as mailed. Four aye, one abstain, motion carried. Motion by Willett, support by McGrath 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 DEQ regarding seawalls on W. Ferndale, and a letter of resignation from George Hawkins. Supervisor requests clerk to send a letter of thanks to George Hawkins. Motion by Jenkins, support by Wilson to accept the resignation of George Hawkins with regret. All aye, motion carried. Citizen's comments were heard regarding the timing of the weevil planting on Round Lake. The weevils were planted on June 29, because the next available date for planting was July 23.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were three appeals, two granted as per application, and one denied. Assessor reports Board of Review will be held Tuesday, July 19, 2011 at Noon for corrections to the roll. Building Inspector reports 15 inspections. Electrical Inspector reports 5 inspections. Fire Board held no meeting in June. Planning Commission held no meeting in July. Transfer Station revenue is down slightly due to the heat. Zoning Enforcement reports 13 inspections: 10 site reviews, 2 footers, and 1 post hole inspection. Website reports 10027 hits for June, up from June 2010 and May 2011. Park reports trash cans have been emptied. The backboard on the east side has been broken and needs repair. Motion by Gust, support by Willett to approve the consent agenda. All aye, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Consumers energy representatives Barb Metzger – local area manager, John Hall – forestry; and Charlie Clingerman -local forester were present to discuss working in the township clearing vegetation from lines to help minimize outages. N. Lakeview Boulevard is scheduled for removal of trees. Residents request that the trees be trimmed not cut. Consumers Energy advises planting wisely, with the right growth characteristics near utilities.

Round Lake Estates has requested a reduction in sewer fees. Marv Nelson has called to withdraw the request. Marv will e-mail confirmation of withdrawal.

The township has been taken out of the Perry lawsuit and it is now only against Jenkins and Tim Miller. There is a possibility of settlement.

Motion by Wilson, support by Willett to approve an entertainment license for Manitou Inn. All aye, motion carried.

We have received a treatment proposal for Devils Lake from Savin. Jenkins recommends postponement of action until joint special meeting with Woodstock Township to discuss the issues. A meeting will be set up the date of July 19, 20, or 21st at 7:00 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Gust, support by Willett to allow the lot line adjustment as requested for Ott on Cherry Point, resulting in three non-conforming 40 ft. lots being changed to two 60- foot lots. Four aye, one nay, motion carried.

Jenkins would like to appoint Jim Driskill to the planning commission.

Sterling Market and Tibbs IGA have been granted permits for Sunday Liquor sales. The township will not contest this.

The state passport program that collects \$10 per vehicle license per year will be used for a grant program. Up to \$30,000 will be allowed per township for recreational purposes. These grants will be 75% funded by State, with 25 % local funding and will require a capital plan be in place in the community. The deadline for applications is April 1, 2012 and, if selected, the township would have to spend the money and be reimbursed from the state.

Jenkins appointed a committee to develop a plan for improvements at the Lookout and Grove St. accesses. The committee will be comprised of Gust as chairman, Jerry Wilson, and Janet Campbell. A report will be expected at the August meeting. Spicer & Associates will send someone for \$125 per hour on site time, with no fee for travel. Motion by Wilson, support by Willett to hire Spicer and associates for professional services in relation to the drainage at Lookout. Wilson – yes, McGrath – yes, Willett – yes, Gust – yes, and Jenkins – yes. Motion carried.

Bids have been received from Sign Language for access signage. Reflective signs will cost 992.00 and non-reflective signs will be \$648.00. Motion by Willett, support by Gust to accept the bid of \$648.68 from Sign Language for non reflective signs. Wilson – yes, McGrath - yes, Willett – yes, Gust – yes, and Jenkins – yes. Motion carried.

Board comments were heard regarding the emergency warning telephone system. Also, Wilson is concerned with the state of our ordinances, and feels that we should hire a legal firm that specializes in zoning and township law.

Citizen's comments were heard regarding hiring a specialized legal firm; the weevil planting on Round Lake, and a question regarding the Civil Infractions ordinance. The civil infraction ordinance has been postponed until the zoning ordinance is brought into compliance with the new zoning enabling act. Governing ordinances are being reviewed at this time. Some of the possible grant money (if received) could be used to improve the boat launch on Round Lake. The township could change all of the zoning ordinances to CI but the board would prefer to have enforceable ordinances prior to its adoption. There were questions regarding the possibility of suction harvesting on Round Lake for the weeds that are in by the docks.

Motion by Wilson, support by Gust to adjourn at 9:00 pm. All aye, motion carried.

Sharon M. Gust
Rollin Township Clerk