

ROLLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

July 14, 2010

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 Willett to approve the agenda as presented. All aye, motion carried. Motion by Willett, support by McGrath to accept the minutes of the June 9, 2010 meeting as mailed. All aye, motion carried. Motion by McGrath, support by Willett 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 Website regarding the addition of a lost and found tab, Wilson family, Harvey Schmidt regarding the Eurasian water milfoil, and a petition from residents on Grove and Elm Streets asking for a Watch for Children sign. The Road Commission will be contacted regarding the sign.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no appeals. Assessor reports July Board of Review will be July 20, 2010 at 5 pm. Building Inspector reports 11 inspections. Electrical Inspector reports 4 inspections. Fire Board reports Rollin Township is charged with 12 calls for the month of May. Pumper truck from station 3 will be relocated in Cement City and a new pumper will be purchased at a cost of approx \$350,000. Usually an engine is purchased each 5 years. This purchase is one year early to save on costs before the new pollution controls are required on the engines. Somerset is going to ALS will not require assistance from Addison as often. Hospital board met June 14 regarding disbanding the hospital board. Some new claims were presented and will take time to sort them out. Planning Commission reports working on the wind generation ordinance, boat storage ordinance, and the outside wood burner ordinance. The next meeting will be Thursday, Aug 5 due to the Primary Election. Transfer Station reports locks have been changed, and new keys will be given to those who require them. Zoning Enforcement reports 6 site reviews, and 1 footer inspection. Website reports 7986 hits for June. More historical information has been received and will be uploaded. Park rules sign has been installed. There is no dumping of household trash allowed at the park. Clark will install basketball post and hoop. Motion by McGrath, support by Wilson to approve the consent agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

McGrath feels that we should not adopt a Civil Infractions Ordinance at this time because it could unjustly affect some residents, with a possibility for unfair enforcement. Willett stated the board voted to move ahead with civil infractions last fall. Jenkins stated that a number of civil infractions are just to correct ordinances, changing them from criminal misdemeanor to civil infractions and making them easier to enforce. Policy is in place to protect innocent residents. Policy requires contact with those accused of violations before the first ticket is issued except for open burning, which will require an instant ticket. At this time, if we go to court the county gets all of the money collected. Civil Infractions will allow the township to keep the money collected. Gust stated that a new board could change the policy with no public hearing or notices published. Motion by Wilson, support by Willett to send the proposed ordinance to the planning commission for public hearing. Jenkins requested a roll call vote. Wilson – yes, McGrath – no, Willett – yes, Gust – yes, and Jenkins – yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Gust, support by Willett to allow Schaedler to act as co-council in the Perry case. All aye, motion carried.

Stairs at Lookout St. are in need of repair, as well as the railing. Jenkins requests changing the first three steps to be smaller steps for safety. Motion by Wilson, support by McGrath to allow supervisor to check with Brown to repair the stairs at Lookout public access. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Willett, support by McGrath to allow the township board to spend up to \$500 for necessary repairs or purchases without prior approval on things that are already in the budget. Wilson – yes, McGrath – yes, Willett – yes, Gust – yes, and Jenkins – yes. Motion carried.

Lake treatment update was given. It was discovered that the north end of Devil's Lake had a proliferation of weevils already present. A decision was made with no input from Rollin Township to place the Woodstock Township portion of weevils in other beds in Rollin. Woodstock and Rollin will share some of the cost of the weevils. In Round Lake, some weevils were accidentally planted in the wrong place. The trailer bringing the crew broke down; arriving late and Jennifer could not attend due to a funeral. This resulted in 15000 weevils being put in the wrong place and 5000 planted near the island. Marzolf assisted in determining that weevils were not planted in the correct beds. Today, Envirosience planted 22000 new weevils in the proper beds. Weevils are now where planned, but are about one week late. Suction harvesting is finished in Round and Devils Lake.

Motion by Wilson, support by Gust to allow McKnight family use the hall Sunday July 25, 2010 from 9 am – 7 pm. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by McGrath, support by Gust to approve fireworks permit for private party. All aye, motion carried.

Board comments were heard regarding an out of control fire requiring fire department intervention. The smoke did not clear due to cold air inversion, keeping the smoke close to the ground. Jenkins recommends questions be asked of Tim Shaw, Fire Chief. Motion by Wilson, support by Willett to allow the LPL to place a bulletin board at the twp hall. All aye, motion carried.

Citizen's comments were heard requesting that the planning commission prioritize items on their agenda. There were questions regarding the placement of poles at the park, and the possibility of making improvements to the ball diamond, and the legality of allowing a fireworks display for a private party. Jenkins recommends calling the township office or the sheriff dept. for enforcement of nuisance violations like barking dogs. Building permits are issued for a period of one year, but can be renewed. Spiess on Hallenbeck Hwy, thanked the board for authorizing the weed control project, but feels the problem is getting worse, not better. His concerns are the weevils on round lake not being planted timely, and he feels we should consider chemical treatment. Community was in favor of biological control, but Mrs. Spiess would like a faster solution. Dan Cherry announced that he has more copies of his book Along the Trails of Michemanetue. He has had many requests for a second printing.

Motion by McGrath, support by Willett to adjourn at 8:45 pm. All aye, motion carried.

Sharon M. Gust
Rollin Township Clerk