

ROLLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
August 10, 2011

Supervisor Jenkins called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Members present were Supervisor Jenkins, Clerk Gust, Treasurer Willett, and Trustee Wilson. Trustee McGrath was absent. Motion by Wilson, support by Willett to accept the agenda as presented. All aye, motion carried. Motion by Wilson, support by Willett to accept the minutes of the July 13, 2011 meeting as mailed. All aye, motion carried. Motion by Willett, support by Wilson to accept the minutes of July 20, 2011 Joint meeting as presented. All aye, motion carried. Motion by Willett, support by Wilson 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 Drain Commissioner, Post Office, Lucas & Baker, Minster's RV Park regarding manure odor, and the DEQ regarding a seawall. Rutan thanked the board for their response to a nuisance complaint. Dustin Krasny, field representative for Congressman Walberg, introduced himself and gave an update.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were four appeals, three granted as per application, and 1 granted with compromise. Assessor reports three land divisions. Building Inspector reports 13 inspections. Electrical Inspector reports 7 inspections, and two contractor registrations. Fire Board had no report. Planning Commission met with Tim Anderson from Region 2 to discuss high priority items to come into with compliance with the planning enabling act. Transfer Station revenues are staying steady. Zoning Enforcement reports 9 inspections: 8 site reviews, 1 footer inspection. Website reports 13,528 hits for July, up from 2010. Many hours have been spent working on upgrading the website to make it more user friendly, including adding two new businesses and updating the centennial farm page. Invasive species made the top 30 pages visited for the first time. Park reports pavilion was used on Saturday and Sunday for large family reunions. Motion by Gust, support by Willett to approve the consent agenda. All aye, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Wilson recommends hiring an outside attorney to review the ordinances and make recommendations for changes to insure they are enforceable. Jenkins has reviewed the ordinances, and will give the recommended changes to the Planning Commission. Attorneys from Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids and Lansing have responded to our request for information from their firms. Jerry would recommend using one from Lansing or Grand Rapids since they are closer. Jenkins reports prices are approx \$200 per hour and an ordinance review and update will cost approximately \$5000. Motion by Wilson, support by Willett to authorize the supervisor to seek further information from the above firms. All aye, motion carried.

Gust recommends applying for a passport grant through the state of Michigan to aid in the repair of the Lookout St. Access. There are encroachments on each side. Andrews, on the east side, is aware that his fence will have to be removed if the township is going to pursue improvements at this access. If awarded a grant thru the passport grant funding, the township could receive up to \$30,000. The township would have to match 25% of the amount of grant received. Ad-hoc committee recommends that the engineer be allowed to draw up plans for a drain system at Lookout using a system with 1 catch basin, a curb with drain spilling out to a concrete trough with a splash pad at the bottom of the drain at the lakeshore.

NEW BUSINESS

Jenkins asked the Township board for their thoughts on the proposed Sandy Beach Road Drain. Wilson believes that it was a mistake made by the Road Commission due to lack of maintenance. It is the Road Commission culvert, and if a drain district is established the township will be responsible for paying a portion of the cost. Wilson believes it is not necessary to form a drain district in this

instance. Willett agrees with Wilson that it is the responsibility of the road commission to repair their culvert and they are trying to skirt their responsibility. The consensus of the board is that a drain district is not necessary at this time.

Jenkins has signed the contract with Naturally LLC for suction harvesting in Devils Lake as approved at the July 20, 2011 meeting.

Motion by Willett, support by Gust to approve the land division for RLO-661-0090-00, Earles, 450 Devils Lake Hwy as presented. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Gust, support by Willett to approve the land division for RLO-102-4375-00, Pellecchia, 14440 Mills Road as presented. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Wilson, support by Gust to approve the land division for RLO-125-3800-00, Boudreau, 13540 Forrester as presented. All aye, motion carried.

Board comments were heard regarding the resignation of Amanda Morabito as Deputy treasurer effective August 31, 2011. Willett will appoint Lynn Wilson as the new Deputy Treasurer.

Citizen's comments were heard regarding the board's decision regarding the proposed Sandy Beach Road drain district, and the large number of weeds on Round Lake.

Motion by Wilson, support by Gust to adjourn at 7:55 PM. All aye, motion carried.

Sharon M. Gust
Rollin Township Clerk