Proposed Minutes of October 12, 2015

The Ossineke Township Board met in regular session, at the Ossineke Twp. Hall. Supervisor Lobert called the meeting to order, at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Board Members present were: Supervisor Kenneth Lobert, Clerk Dennis Liske, Treasurer Denise Schultz, and Trustees Jerry Leschinger and Edie Abbott. Also present were: Randy Fairbanks, Leonard Bates, Kevin & Garth Grulke, and Harry Krentz.

- 1. The minutes of September 14, 2015 were approved as read.
- 2. The Treasurer reported balances on hand as of October 1, 2015 as follows: \$611,497.57 in the General Fund, \$1653.94 in the Liquor Fund: \$59,571.28 in the Fire Protection & Equipment Fund, and \$46,505.89 in Trust and Agency.
- 3. CITIZENS:

Leonard Bates questioned why the Alpena Recycling Board was raising the yearly recycling fees from \$10.00 to \$20.00. Supervisor Lobert explained that the cost to recycle was costing more and the cash return is going down and also the residents placing garbage in the recycling bins that needs to be sorted out by hand.

4. CEMETERY EXPENSE:

Supervisor Lobert presented an invoice, from the Cemetery Sexton, for the additional work he had to do at the cemetery last year and this year. The time involved in having the trees removed, spreading top soil after the paving was completed, etc. The invoice also listed expenses for grass seed and straw mulch. Schultz moved, Leschinger supported, CARRIED, to pay the Cemetery Sexton for the hours worked plus supplies.

5. ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:

Randy Fairbanks, our Zoning Enforcement Officer, reported that he issued 4 zoning permits this last month. John Gonsler for a 16'x 20' storage shed; Turtle Lake Club for a 40'x 116' maintenance facility; Justin Southard for a 22'x 24' storage building and Russ Wilson for a 28'x 40' storage building. Randy also reported that Ray Goeke is requesting a variance to build a 4'x 4' shed to house a well pump and water softener. The board said that this request will have to go before the Board of Appeals and would cost approximately \$300.00. Randy said he would inform Ray of this and see if he still wants to pursue the variance. Randy also informed the township board that he recommends Dennis Grenkowicz for our township attorney. He said he talked with Dennis and he said he would take on the position. Abbott moved, Schultz supported, CARRIED, to hire Dennis Grenkowicz as our Township Attorney effective immediately.

6. PLANNING COMMISSION:

Nothing.

7. MICHIGAN ELECTION UPDATES:

Clerk Liske informed the board that he attended a clerks meeting at 3:30, October 12, 2015, with Bonnie Friedrichs, at the Howard Male Conference room, to review the elections coming in 2016. There will be a Presidential Primary on March 9, 2016, the State Primary on August 2, 2016 and State General Election on November 8, 2016. Bonnie also informed the clerks that the State of Michigan is seeking the purchase of new election machines by the year 2017. This could result in a \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00 cost to the townships.

8. HALL:

Nothing.

9. MEETINGS:

Supervisor Lobert informed the board that on October 19, 2015 will be the next MTA Chapter meeting at the Maple Ridge Township Hall at 7:00 pm.

10. FIRE & RESCUE:

Nothing.

11. ROAD NAME REQUEST:

Supervisor Lobert informed the Board that he received a notice, from the Alpena County Equalization Department, that James Kenneth Fleck Jr. is requesting a name for the road that leads to his residents. He is requesting that the name be Wolf Creek Camp Road. Supervisor Lobert said the Equalization Department checked to see if the name could be used and was assured it could. Schultz moved, Abbott supported, CARRIED, to grant permission for James Kenneth Fleck Jr. to pursue the road name of Wolf Creek Camp Road.

12. COUNTY CLEANUP:

Nothing.

- 13. Schultz moved, Abbott supported, CARRIED, to pay all bills presented in invoices 9939 thru 9952.
- 14. ADJOURNMENT:

Abbott moved, Schultz supported, CARRIED, to adjourn at 8:11 pm.

Dennis A. Liske, Clerk

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