

EATON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
April 7, 2016

Supervisor Roberts opened the regular April meeting with the pledge to the flag of our Country. In attendance were Supervisor Roberts, Treasurer Dolman, Trustee Bankhead, Trustee Hunt, and Deputy Clerk Krizek sitting in for Clerk Cleary. Absent was Clerk Cleary.

Trustee Bankhead moved to change the order of New Business so that the Recreation Budget is first. Trustee Hunt supported. MOTION CARRIED.

Deputy Clerk Krizek read the synopsis of the minutes from the previous month's meeting. **Trustee Hunt moved to accept the Clerk's report. Trustee Bankhead supported. MOTION CARRIED.**

Treasurer Dolman presented the Treasurer's report in written form. **Supervisor Roberts moved to accept the Treasurer's report as written. Trustee Hunt supported. MOTION CARRIED.**

Supervisor Roberts moved to pay March Revised Expenditures. Trustee Hunt supported. MOTION CARRIED.

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Sheriff Reich from the Eaton County Sheriff's Department gave the March statistics report. There were 127 calls in March.

Deputy Clerk Krizek presented a letter from the Eaton County Clerk on behalf of the Eaton County Commissioners regarding the 911 Plan amendment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Recreation Co-Op Budget approval:

Trustee Bankhead and City of Charlotte Chairperson Yvonne Ridge presented the 2016 Rec Co-Op budget for approval. **Treasurer Dolman moved to approve the Township's contribution of the budget as presented. Trustee Bankhead supported. MOTION CARRIED.**

Center Eaton Community Center Bids:

Treasurer Dolman presented a bid package for the proposed new ceiling and electrical update at Center Eaton Community Center. **Treasurer Dolman moved to accept Jim Upright's bid for the general contracting work and Sparky's Electric for the electrical work. Trustee Bankhead supported. MOTION CARRIED.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Sprague Easement/Private Road:

Supervisor Roberts presented the opinion letter from the Township's Attorney. It was the consensus of the Board members present to provide a copy of the letter to both parties involved.

Crandell Property Update:

Trustee Hunt has been looking into acquiring two acres behind the Township Hall from the current owners for a parking lot. Trustee Hunt presented Mr. Crandell's informal proposal. Treasurer Dolman indicated she has already contacted MISS DIG. Supervisor Roberts suggested Consumer's Energy needs to be contacted regarding their right-of-way on the property. It was suggested a use agreement should be drafted. **Trustee Hunt moved to accept Mr. Crandell's proposal to create a gravel parking lot for the Township's use of 100 feet frontage off of Perkey road and 200 feet along the fence row adjacent to the Township property, but Mr. Crandell will retain ownership of the property until mining viability has been determined. Mr. Crandell has consented that he will handle the costs and logistics of creating the parking lot such as clearing out the fence row and providing the gravel and that the parking lot will be ready in time for the August 2016 election. Treasurer Dolman supported. MOTION CARRIED.** Trustee Hunt moved that the Township pay for the costs of driveway permits and up to two culverts. Supervisor Roberts supported. MOTION CARRIED.

REPORTS

Library

Ms. VanLoten reported that the Library Board had approved a 1.4 mil ballot question for the August ballot, which encompasses a renewal of the current .9 mil with a .5 mill increase. Ms. VanLoten also reported on several upcoming special and regularly scheduled events.

Rural Fire

Trustee Hunt reported city budgeting (including funding for Rural Fire) is upcoming.

Center Eaton Community Center

Ms. Lawrence reported there were two rentals in March. The committee had been working on the bids (ceiling and electrical), and now is preparing to participate in the Charlotte Home and Business Expo.

Recreation

Trustee Bankhead reported on the ballfield and tennis courts projects.

Assessing

Supervisor Roberts reported on the Board of Review, there were 12 property owners and about 18 parcels that were addressed.

Road Commission

Supervisor Roberts reported on Township roads scheduled for maintenance.

Asphalt Bids

Trustee Bankhead Supervisor Roberts reported bids are in progress; Klaiss came out and measured but has yet to return a bid and Quality Asphalt has been asked to submit a bid.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Sprague question of if she was provided entire correspondence from the attorney.

MEETING ADJOURNED 8:22 P.M.

Charamy Cleary, Eaton Township Clerk