

Melrose Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2014

Call to order 7:07pm

Present: S. Burr, V. Goodwin, P. Cotanche and R. Hissong Berry

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to amend the agenda to add M. Borisch and George Lasater to Guests and Freemeyer sewer request and employee process to Old Business.

Motion S. Burr, 2nd P. Cotanche Approved 4/0

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings:

V. Goodwin reviewed the minutes of the July 8 meeting: fixed the wording on the section regarding no negative comments on the water system purchase.

Motion to approve the minutes with corrections:

Motion S. Burr, 2nd P. Cotanche Approved 4/0

Motion to approve August 4, 2014 Special meetings minutes:

Motion P. Cotanche, 2nd S. Burr Approved 4/0

Guest:

Motion to Appoint Lyon Stephens to fill Trustee vacancy.

Motion V. Goodwin, 2nd P. Cotanche

S. Burr- Y V. Goodwin- Y P. Cotanche- Y R. H. Berry- Y

M. Borisch is seeking letter from township for support and permission to use the railroad grade as part of a snowmobile trail. He said there are about seven groups working on this project. They are getting bridge permit this week and they will use a power line easement as a path.

G. Lasater has a plaque for veterans and wants to know where and when to put it up. It will be in park near the existing display.

Old Business:

- Township Employees- Possible option is 2 part time employees.
- Freemeyer sewer request- New location sounds fine. Need to work out details of site and how additional cost would be handled.

Motion to move forward to develop the agreement and site details for the Freemeyer sewer project.

Motion R. H. Berry 2nd V. Goodwin

L. Stephens- Y S. Burr- Y P. Cotanche – Y V. Goodwin- Y R. H. Berry- Y

- Water System- Mr. Hass asked about time frame for down town work including infrastructure improvements. The talks are moving ahead.
- Sewer Project- A site has been determined which meets DEQ requirements . Approval for loans from the USDA expected in one to three months. Questions were asked on the process and decisions. The required process and procedures were explained and how they have been met with hearings and publishing.
- Lee Street erosion repair- Tri County is working on a bid.
- Transfer Station Cleanup- A survey needs to be done to locate property lines and mark back corners.
Motion to order a survey of the Transfer Station site.
Motion R. H. Berry 2nd L. Stephens 5/0 Approved
- Ambulance Pricing- John Lamont, Director, City of Boyne City EMS explained process and revised bill.
- Green Belt Project with the Tribe-
Motion to approve the landscape project on the shoreline of the river.
Motion L. Stephens 2nd S. Burr 5/0 Approved

New Business:

- Insurance Bids- Comfortable with current provider.
- Honor recognition for Midge Barnes- community group working on a tree and plaque in the park.
- Election News-all went well
- Tack strips and bulletin board for the kitchen will be purchased.
- Power Washer purchase-
Motion to approve the purchase of a power washer from the Boyne City Co-op.
Motion R. H. Berry 2nd S. Burr 5/0 Approved
- DDA Sidewalk Project-A sidewalk connecting the Boat Launch parking lot to Church parking lot will be created. The easement has been completed. The project exceeds engineering costs but still within the budget allowance.
Motion to accept Tri- County Bid for sidewalk project.
Motion V. Goodwin 2nd P. 2nd P. Cotanche 5/0 Approved
- Old dock sections at Transfer Station:
Motion to accept \$25 for the old dock sections at the Transfer Station.
Motion P. Cotanche 2nd S. Burr 5/0 Approved

Financial Reports:

Motion to pay all bills as presented.

Motion P. Cotanche 2nd L. Stephens 5/0 Approved

Zoning Administrators Report: See included report

Assessors Report: Policies, procedures and recommendations. – Discussion to be on September agenda.

Committee Reports:

- Planning commission- P. Cotanche presented summary of July 28th meeting.
Snowmobile trail:
Motion to support the snowmobile trail project using the township owned railroad grade with special signage directing traffic away from the park.
Motion V. Goodwin 2nd L. Stephens 5/0 Approved
- Zoning Board of Appeals- P. Cotanche reported on the July 30th meeting.
- Road Committee- Reviewed communications with CCRC about projects and requirements.
- Fire Department- T. Mackie reported.
- DDA- Meeting next August 20th at 7pm to discuss lighting for park, monument sign and sidewalk.

Correspondence-none

Public Comment:

Saturday at noon the Pied Piper Roller Rink opens.

Adjournment: 10:08pm