

Melrose Township Board of Trustees Minutes

March 10, 2015 7:00pm

Call to Order 7:01pm V. Goodwin

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

Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion: S. Burr 2nd P. Cotanche Approved 5/0

Approval of the minutes from previous meeting

February 10, 2015 Regular Meeting

V. Goodwin reviewed the minutes out loud.

Motion to approve the minutes as presented.

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

Guest-

Old Business

- Water system update - draft ordinance has been received.
The Bond Company with our attorney advised that #7 the lot buy back cannot be included as written it creates a lien against the property. Also need clarification, in detail, on the township "participation" in a 1031 exchange.
- Sewer system update- draft ordinance has been received.
The Part 41 permit application with the DEQ is in process.
S. Rassmusen with the DEQ has shared written concerns the Township may wish to respond to these.
The Water and Sewer Draft Ordinances are available, need to be posted on the website.
Public Hearing scheduled, April 7, 2015 7:00pm at the Township Hall for the Purpose of Public input regarding the draft Sewer and Water Ordinances.
A. Nordman, Performance Engineers Inc., shared his concerns with parts of the draft ordinance that need to be changed. See written response included.
- Cemetery plot clarification- ordinance update
A limited number of clarifications need to be made in the ordinance.
These can be done without opening the whole ordinance. Prepare a resolution for April meeting approval. Exploring options for grave opening services.
- MDOT maint. Agreement-
Motion to approve the MDOT Letter of Understanding as presented.
Motion: R. Hissong Berry 2nd S. Burr Approved 5/0
The Township would contract for the services listed as our responsibility, as they are needed.

New Business

- Consumer Energy 30 year proposed Franchise agreement- has been received.
Attorney is working on the agreement- several Townships have the same issue to work on.
- Payment toward Performance Engineering, Inc. on Sewer system
Township needs to make a payment toward the expenses that have accumulated.
Motion to approve a payment of \$30,000.00 to Performance Engineer Inc. for services rendered in the Sewer System Planning, this will be a loan to the sewer system account from the general fund to the Sewer System Fund

Financial Report- see included reports

Motion to pay all bills as presented and accept the financial reports as presented.

Motion: P. Cotanche 2nd S. Burr Approved 5/0

Zoning Administrators Report- See enclosed report

Assessors Report- no report

Committee Reports

- Planning Commission- No meeting in February
- Zoning Board of Appeals- No meeting
- Road Committee.
We have a revised price for graveling shoulders \$4,500 per mile. This estimate will be used in budget. An estimate of \$275,000 for Country Club Shores and North Shore drive up the hill has been received.
- Fire Department – L. Stephens shared the enclosed report
- DDA- met on Feb 24, 2015 but did not have a quorum.
Motion- Melrose Township Board to approve the Supervisor's appointment of Steve Whittaker to the DDA.
Motion: L. Stephens, 2nd P. Cotanche Approved 5/0
- Correspondence
A T & T Metro Act Right of Way permit extension-
Have requested legal opinion before signing.
- March MTA meeting- Hayes Township Hall Mon. 3/30/15 7:00pm
Topic the Charlevoix County Park /Rec. millage program

Public Comment

G. Lasater- The first phase of the nonmotorized trail may be held up due to Long Eared Bat protection ruling from the state.

Adjournment 8:16 pm