

Melrose Township Board of Trustees Minutes
August 14, 2018 7:00pm

Call to order 7:03 pm V. Goodwin called to order

Present: V. Goodwin, S. Burr, L. Stephens, P. Cotanche, 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 minutes from previous meeting:

Minutes of July 10, 2018 Regular meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2018 Regular Meeting as presented.

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

Guest

- **G. Lasater** not present

Old Business

- **Sewer Update** –
A. Nordman shared the sewer system report. All going well.
The North Shore extension has 5 committed residents.
- **Water Update** –
In the hands of the appraiser. Value of the physical items and the business value will be determined.
- **Masters House property** no news

New Business

- **MDOT progress report** moving along
A. Nordman will apply for the permit along with our annual permit from MDOT.
- **Changing station bid for restrooms**
Motion to approve the purchase and installation of 3 changing stations for the hall restrooms and the boat Launch restroom.
Motion: P. Cotanche 2nd S. Burr approved 5/0
- **Proposal for Circle Park**
Discussion of the first draft of the Circle Park purchase proposal. The audience was included in the discussion (13 people present)
The big question is Should this land be in Public Hands?
Questions were raised about this proposal:
Are there deed restrictions? Dock ownership? Dock use and maintance?
Property tax loss by taking these off the tax rolls?
Questions about insurance/ liability?
Grounds maintance How to be done?
Irrigation – how is it operated? Where water from and cost?
The electrical cost- how to be paid.
- **Start Dog Park committee- to research and develop ideas**
Consensus to begin work on the dog park committee.
- **Transfer of Agency on Bond Insurance**
Motion to authorize changing the Agency to our new company Peterson McGregor of Petoskey for the bond insurance.
Motion: S. Burr 2nd L. Stephens approved 5/0

Financial Report

- **General fund reports**

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

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

- **Sewer fund reports**

T. Mackie presented the report included.

Motion to accept the sewer fund report as presented and pay bills.

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

- **-Compiled Financial Statements report**

The report is done and available for review. USDA accepted the report.

Zoning Administrators Report

See included report

Assessors Report

Employee Grounds Report

Committee Reports

- **Planning Commission**

P. Cotanche shared Planning Commission report. See included minutes

Reminder: Public Hearing about the Farm/Forest district proposal.

Draft will go to the county for review. Final draft will come to the Board for review.

- **Zoning Board of Appeals** No meeting

- **Road Committee** E. Lee reported. Streets in Clarion look done. Need to remind CCRC that shoulders should be Afton stone. Hillview is progressing. Some Brining has been done. Need rain in order to do work on the Gravel Roads.

- **Park Committee** B. Johnson shared a summary of park projects. They will include: new secure doors for the restrooms, some electronics for security issues. Pickle Ball court upgrades will be done this fall. Motion to approve the Pickle Ball court upgrades as presented at a budget of \$6,000. Motion : P. Cotanche 2nd S. Burr approved.

- **Fire Department**

L. Stephens shared the included Fire Department report.

- **DDA** Next meeting is Sept. 10, 2018

Correspondence

C. Armitage email communication about Questions about our Park Ordinance section about guns in the park. The sign and ordinance need to be reviewed and updated to reflect discharge of firearms.

Motion to request our attorney to update the current park ordinance to comply with modern requirements.

Motion: V. Goodwin 2nd P. Cotanche approved 5/0

Communication about Marijuana regulations. We currently do not have any.

Public Comment

Election results were share by R. H. Berry. Our millages all were renewed.

Questions about East Street traffic were raised and pothole filling process

Adjournment 8:36 pm