

Edwards Township Board Meeting

December 10, 2018 7:30 p.m.

Supervisor Taylor opened the regular meeting with the pledge to the flag at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Ron Taylor, Treasurer Eileen Fournier, Clerk Brandy Curtis, Trustee Brent Illig, Trustee Dave Ross

Attendance, Appointed/Official Positions and Public Comment Received: Ogemaw County Commissioner, Craig Scott; Ray Miller, BOR & Planning Commission; Carl McCauley, Planning Commission; Rick Stillwagon, Planning Commission; Bob Clayton, Edwards Township Zoning Administrator; Yvonne Mahl, Deputy Clerk/Hall Manager; Bob Mahl, Hall Maintenance; Bryan Stein, Ogemaw County Building and Zoning; David Olsick, Hutson Olsick and Charlie VanRiper, Edwards Township residents.

Additions to the agenda: None. Motion by Taylor, supported by Ross, to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Craig Scott updated the Board on the Sherriff Department's new black uniforms purchased out of the drug forfeiture fund, the County insurance company now provides safety training videos for their employees, and a new 911 Authority Board will be selected.

Treasurer report presented by Fournier. Motion by Illig, supported by Ross, to approve Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Past minutes of November 10, 2018, were reviewed. Motion by Illig, supported by Fournier, to accept prior minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

Motion by Illig, supported by Fournier, to return hall deposits as listed to include the deduction for reimbursement of processing fee for 1 NSF check, check has since cleared the bank. Motion carried.

Motion by Taylor, supported by Fournier, to approve bills as presented checks 5096-5126 less the two voided checks, 5112 and 5114, as presented. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Taylor, Fournier, Illig, Ross, Curtis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Illig, supported by Taylor, to allow Sexton to purchase a metal detector with a cost limit of \$160. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Fournier, Illig, Taylor, Ross, Curtis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A discussion was held on replacing all the hall floor tiles except the office. Topic will be tabled until next board meeting to allow Illig to obtain quotes. Illig will follow up.

Motion by Taylor, supported by Illig, to accept the Solar Ordinance as recommended by Planning and Zoning as written. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Fournier, Illig, Curtis, Ross, Taylor. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Ross informed the Board of a grant offered by Michigan Township Participating Plan. To install security cameras at the hall or cemetery, Michigan Township Participating Plan would match 50% up to \$2,500. Motion by Illig, supported by Fournier, to allow Ross to pursue the grant application and obtain quotes. Motion carried.

Motion by Taylor, supported by Fournier, to appointment current board of review members for another 2-year term. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Ross, Taylor, Curtis, Fournier, Illig. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A discussion was held on hall enforcement officer and uniforms provided. Motion by Taylor, supported by Fournier, to increase hall rental rate by \$90/night for ordinance officer and not to include previous renters. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Fournier, Taylor, Ross Curtis, Illig. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Taylor elected Dave Olsick and Hutson Olsick to hold the enforcement officer.

Curtis approached the Board regarding a pay deduction requested by Deputy Clerk, Yvonne Mahl, to change from \$15/hour to a salary of \$120/month to possibly reduce the township's expenses. The Board was in concurrence in keeping the deputy clerk's salary at \$15/hour.

Curtis approached the Board regarding a pay deduction requested by cemetery software coordinator, Yvonne Mahl, to change from \$15/hour to \$10/hour to possibly reduce the township's expenses. The Board was in concurrence in keeping the cemetery software coordinator's salary at \$15/hour.

Curtis informed the Board of a notice received from the Social Security Administration regarding a discrepancy in the wage reporting of 2017 to the IRS in relation to the 2017 wages reported to SSA and on the 2017 W-3. Motion by Taylor, supported by Ross, to authorize Curtis to contact CPA regarding this issue and how to proceed. Motion carried.

Public comment was received.

Rick Stillwagon and Dale Sheltroun approached the Board requesting a more detailed financial breakdown on the Treasurer's report. Fournier and Curtis will follow up.

Mr. Clayton approached the Board regarding a request he received pertaining to variance on the individual's property line in relation to his neighbor's. Clayton directed the caller to contact Curtis. A discussion was held on zoning. Curtis informed the Board, she requested the individual to contact Building and Zoning and in turn, Mr. Stein informed the caller the matter of zoning concern must be dealt with at the township level. Zoning Board of Appeals applications are on the Edwards' Township website and will be accepted up to the Thursday before the meeting.

Charlie Vanriper approached the Board regarding Alice Drive and the surrounding locations within Edwards Township. Mr. Vanriper would like the Board to look into the installation of a natural gas line, high-speed internet, and potential trash pickup in which the trash pickup expense would be included in individual's property taxes. Taylor informed Mr. Vanriper, Edwards Township does cost share in recycling with the City of West Branch and he may obtain a recycling card from the City of West Branch authorizing the disposal of recyclables at the City of West Branch facility.

Board of Review is scheduled for December 11, 2018, at 11:30 a.m.

Planning Commission is scheduled for Monday, January 7, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

Township board meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 14, 2019, at 7:30 p.m.

Motion by Illig, supported by Taylor, to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm. Motion carried.

Ron Taylor, Edwards Township Supervisor

Brandy Curtis, Edwards Township Clerk