

Hillsdale Township Board Minutes

09/8/2015 Regular Meeting

Township Hall Hillsdale MI 49242

Board Members Present: Keefer, Emery, Sullivan, Marsh, and Lantis (arrived at 7:00 pm)

Guests: George Berg, Jack McLain, Ruth Brown, Joe Sanford, Dave DuBois, Shaun Humphries, Deb Sikorski

Supervisor Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to approve agenda: Keefer/Marsh 4-0

Guests: Ruth Brown, county commissioner, provided her report before the meeting in an electronic format. She answered questions from the Board about the MEDC feasibility study for downtown buildings.

There were no public comments on the agenda items. Mr. Humphries did have a question on zoning of Medical Marijuana growers. Specifically the outdoor burning of "trash" plants/leaves which causes a haze of smoke over the neighborhood. Sullivan will check with MTA and she suggested he also attend the Planning Commission meeting as they are now starting to look at the zoning ordinance.

Correspondence: Two public hearings for Consumers, master plan notices from the City of Hillsdale and Adams Township, and a request to help fund an E-waste collection day from the Hillsdale Conservation District.

Consent Agenda:

This month's payments were presented by Marsh: \$20,842.45 which includes costs for the road brine, King Lake project, and the quarterly payroll for the FD and assessor. Republic Waste bill still not correct.

Board minutes of the 8/11/2015 were accepted with no changes.

Planning Commission minutes were not available. Note that the public hearing for the Master Plan will take place on 9/21/2015.

Fire Board & Chief's reports were reviewed.

Treasurer's report: Current balance: \$ 581,376.67 Last tax collection is 9 am-5 pm on 9/14/2015

Motion to approve consent agenda Keefer/Emery 5-0

Old Business: Hall/Kitchen: Still waiting on the electrician. Marsh will arrange to have the hall floor waxed during fair week. Once done we can evaluate the wear and tear by the cloggers.

New Business: Assessor Sikorski gave a presentation on software upgrades she would like. Motion to approve the purchase of APEX Sketch 6 Pro in the amount of \$595.00 Sullivan Lantis 5-0. Lantis will

check on the two other programs to see if they would also be a value to her as they were around \$3000 each. No action taken at this time on the other two programs.

Zoning Officer's Report: Zoning permits have been issued for 4 projects. Two tickets were issued.

Sexton: Sanford provided his written report. The first part of the King Lake project is done. He would like to have some trees trimmed at Sand Lake Valley at around a cost of \$200. The Board encouraged him to work with any neighbors if involved.

HRFD: Ruth Brown along with two other contacts will check on FEMA grant writing. The Halloween Party may need extra parking at the east and west churches.

Public Comments: Mr. DuBois wanted to know the status of a rundown property on a drive off of Barr. Lantis said the 2013 taxes were just paid. Previous cleanup was done a few years ago and the bill was added to the assessment. Berg will check on the status and if needed issue a citation first so we can start the process. **Marsh** suggested that Jay Bumpus be replaced on the planning commission before Joe leaves for Florida. Jay is quite busy and involved in the FD board. This would allow the PC to have active leadership during the winter months. Everyone is encouraged to search for a candidate.

Motion passed to adjourn at 7:46 Keefe/Marsh 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,

James Marsh