

## Hillsdale Township Board Minutes

08/11/2015 Regular Meeting

Township Hall Hillsdale MI 49242

**Board Members Present:** Keefer, Emery, Sullivan, Lantis, and Marsh.

**Guests:** George Berg, Jack McLain, Ruth Brown, Shean Donihue, Joe Sanford , Mr. and Mrs. Allion, Mike Parney

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

**Motion** to approve agenda: Marsh/Lantis 5-0

**Guests: Mike Parney**, HCRC, reported the current news from the Road Commission. Road projects in Township are finishing up and an offer was made to a new engineer. Sullivan asked him to follow up on the brine bill we have yet to receive. **Ruth Brown**, county commissioner, provided her report before the meeting in an electronic format. She answered questions from the Board about the new HR outsource service, the status of the new office location, and the dispute between the judges and prosecutor.

There were no public comments on the agenda items.

**Correspondence:** A letter was received from a law office in Kalamazoo concerning staff changes in case we need their services in the future.

### **Consent Agenda:**

This month's payments were presented by Marsh: \$36,316.48 which includes costs for the road commission projects and new equipment for the FD grass rig.

Board minutes of the 7/14/2015 were accepted with no changes.

Planning Commission minutes were reviewed. Note that the public hearing for the Master Plan may take place in September.

Fire Board & Chief's reports were reviewed.

Treasurer's report: Current balance: \$ 617,683.56 Also three CD's were renewed:

Chemical Bank \$63,605.13 25 months .95%, Flagstar Bank \$91,723.86 189 days .40%, Cemetery CD, 189 days .40%

### **Motion to approve consent agenda Keefer/Lantis 5-0**

**Old Business: Republic Waste** Sullivan reported that the contract was signed. Marsh noted that our current bills reflected the old higher rates and per Bob at Republic the payment was adjusted to the new rates. Lantis received a call from a resident who said that Republic told them the contract wasn't signed.

**Assessor:** Deb Sikorski has signed her contract at the lower negotiated rate. Contact info for her will need to be made public: [debsikorski@gmail.com](mailto:debsikorski@gmail.com) 644 Sikorski Rd. Bronson MI 49028

**Hall Improvements:** Trustee Emery reported that it has been difficult finding a reasonably priced electrician with time to do the kitchen project. He is hopeful. There was concern about whether the cleaning company has been cleaning. No recent bills have been received.

**New Business:**

**Grants:** Info on grants possibly available from the Community Foundation and the Michigan Participation League were discussed along with the need for a new Jaws of Life and our cemetery restoration project. Sullivan will do more research.

**Zoning Officer's Report:** Zoning permits have been issued for 3 projects: 2 houses and a porch addition.

**Sexton:** Sanford provided his written report. The first part of the King Lake project is almost done and the driveway at Sand Lake Valley has been treated with brine.

**HRFD:** They are looking for new members as turnout for some of the day runs has been light. Posters have gone up for the Oct 17<sup>th</sup> Halloween party. The generator has been fixed.

**Public Comments:** The Allion's wanted it known that they left during the last meeting to attend another function and not because of the discussion taking place. Mr. McLain suggested no mention of the campground in the Mater Plan under recreation as it is a private company. And if listed why not list the party store. Also a weather siren was discussed as a possible grant need. He also wondered if the drive at King Lake would be treated like Sand Lake Valley

**Motion** passed to adjourn at 7:30 Keefer/Marsh 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,

James Marsh