

## Hillsdale Township Board Minutes

11/11/2015 Regular Meeting

Township Hall Hillsdale MI 49242

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

**Guests:** George Berg, Jack McLain, Ruth Brown, Joe Sanford, The Allion's, Jack TenEyck, Robert Socha, Jeff Francis, Mike Parney, Jerry Compton, Jeff Francis

**Supervisor Sullivan** called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Motion** to approve agenda: Keefer/Emery 5-0

**Guests: Rush Brown** provided a brief update on the County Commissioners. They are working on the county budget and the biggest unknown is the health insurance. Their current provider is not going to provide health insurance anymore so they are requesting quotes. The November 24<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at the REU Training Center on Monroe St. The Commissioners will receive **no** pay increase for 2016.

**Mike Parney, HCRC**, recapped the township projects for the year. He asked about Markris Drive for 2016 and suggested Steamburg and Lake Wilson Roads for seal coating. The County will be chip sealing Mechanic. He also explained the fog seal. Stan Clingerman's last day will be January 15, 2016 and new replacements for Stan and the Clerk are working out great. Mike also said the Rolling Meadows culvert will be fixed.

**Public Comments** on the agenda items: Mr. Allion said to "bite the bullet" on the water softener as it should have been done years ago.

**Correspondence:** MTA is putting on a seminar on ordinances. It was routed to Trustee Keefer to present it to the planning commission.

### **Consent Agenda:**

This month's payments were presented by Marsh: \$8,826.25 which includes \$ 1,235.00 for the kitchen electric work and envelopes with stamps for the tax mailing.

Board minutes of the 10/13/2015 were accepted with no changes.

Planning Commission minutes from September and October were reviewed.

Fire Board & Chief's reports were reviewed.

Treasurer's report: Current balance: \$ 567,781.25. The City of Hillsdale is behind on their 425 agreement payment. Lantis will follow up. **Motion** not to renew the Cemetery CD and to put the funds into the general fund. Marsh/Sullivan 5-0

**Motion to approve consent agenda Keefer/Emery 5-0**

**Old Business: Hall/Kitchen: Motion** to approve the quote from B&A Lawn Care to install additional upper cabinets in the kitchen in the amount of \$525 (material & labor). Sullivan/Lantis 5-0

**Phone System:** DMCI can offer up to 9 voice mail boxes that could be accessed via phone or messages sent to an email address. Marsh noted that the AT&T bill went back down to \$50.00/month. Sullivan proposed that we wait until the Sumnar/Scholl Agency switches their service and obtain some feedback from them. All agreed that the voice mail boxes could provide better service to the residents.

**Softener:** Sullivan met with Culligan to check out their service. It would be around \$1559.00 for a new on demand system. They indicated that the install might be tricky. Sullivan also provided info from Sam's club on a \$378.00 unit. Sullivan will follow up with Culligan to get info on their tank system. If reasonable she will proceed.

**New Business: Master Plan:** Corrections were made and the document was posted on the website. Resolution 2015 -11-1 was passed 5-0 in a roll call vote to accept the 2016 Master Plan.

**Planning Commission:** Motion to approve Supervisor's appointment of Mark Williams to replace Jay Bumpus on the Planning Commission. Marsh/Keefer 5-0. Sullivan thanked Jerry Compton and Jeff Francis for their interest. She suggested that they attend the PC meetings as there may be more openings in the future.

**2016 Calendar:** Due to the presidential primary on Tuesday, 3/8/2016 our March meeting will be on Wednesday 3/9/2016. Marsh will have the calendar resolutions for the Board, PC, ZBA, and Fire Board at the December meeting to make it official....if approved.

**[www.hillsdaletownship.org](http://www.hillsdaletownship.org)** Deputy Clerk Roberts is working on a website.

**Zoning Officer's Report:** Mr. Berg is working with the Township's attorney on the Osbourne property clean up. The attorney also requested all of our old files from the previous attorney.

**Sexton:** Sanford provided his written report. Joe needed to leave earlier so he wasn't available for questions. Marsh brought up that he thought that the completed tree trimming also included King Lake as there are only 2 trees at Sand Lake Valley. Other Board members thought that also. \$600 seemed high for just SLV. Also, brush may have been piled in the fence row. Sullivan will follow up with Joe.

**HRFD:** The Halloween party was a huge success. Over 700 participants. Nancy Bumpus was in charge. They purchased a used portable sign for out in front. Township activities can also be posted.

**Public Comments:** Jack TenEyck gave a report on the portable radar detector that was parked in front of his house. Highest speed clocked was 76 mph. Jack McClain and Mr. Compton questioned the approval by the PC for the Miller project. Should the matter have gone before the ZBA? The PC decided that the setbacks of the preexisting and lot of record house would be improved by the project.

**Motion** passed to adjourn at 8:13 Keefer/Marsh 5-0 Respectfully Submitted, James Marsh

