

Hillsdale Township Board Minutes

7/12/16 Regular Meeting

Hillsdale, MI 49242

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

Guests: Jack McLain, Ruth Brown, Kelly Cooley, Lisa Roberts, Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Allion, Mrs. Keefer, Deb Sikorski

Clerk Marsh opened the meeting at 6:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to have Clerk Marsh run the meeting in the absence of Supervisor Sullivan Keefer/Lantis 4-0

Motion to approve meeting agenda Keefer/Lantis 4-0

Comments from Scheduled Guests:

Local Candidates: County Commissioner Ruth Brown; is running for reelection vs. Sam Nutter

County Commissioner Report: KEY Opportunities has purchased the House of BBQ restaurant

Public Comment: none

Correspondence Highlights:

Hillsdale Daily News has contacted current HT Board members to do an article/interview highlighting candidates in the August Primary; as they are all running unopposed, Clerk Marsh suggested they do an article on the upcoming FD millage instead. Trustee Keefer has already met with the HDN and Trustee Emery had to explain the "note for no more than two" concept.

HT passed the 2015 Traveler's Insurance Audit, after info was provided for updates on workman's compensation

Consent Agenda:

This month's payments presented by Marsh: \$29,389.00

Board Minutes of 6/14/16 were accepted

Planning Commission Minutes from June were reviewed; tiny home on Mechanic is being addressed

Fire Board Minutes/Chief's Report were reviewed

ZBA Minutes were reviewed

Treasurer Lantis reported current balance of \$610,869.73

Motion to approve consent agenda 4-0 Keefer/Emery 4-0

Old Business:

New Website is still a work in progress

HTFD millage proposal: checked wording on newsletter vs. ballot; the millage will be for 4 years

Drug Policy: FD has a sample of a policy that Clerk Marsh thinks is reasonable; next step will be to submit it to the Township lawyer for review

Current Business:

Assessor Report: Sikorski reported back with quotes from BS&A for tax and assessing software; do not have to both be purchased, but it might make it easier to use if both are. \$3310 for tax software, \$3780 for assessing

software. Benefits of purchasing are ease of use for assessor, residents, and other county officials, as well as not having to build a bridge system to keep the old system functioning when it goes “out-of-support” at the end of the calendar year. Treasurer Lantis does not see the need to purchase tax software at this time, but will assess as new assessment software is put into use.

Motion to approve assessing software for \$3780 Marsh/Lantis 4-0.

Zoning Officer Report: McLain submitted a written report, as well as a few applications and mentioned several complaints he has received about garage sales (including signage).

Sexton Report: The Master Gardener has some suggestions; and four lots were sold last month. Quote submitted for tombstone base repairs (\$4561.80) and repair/reconstruction of failing retaining wall (\$1770) for a total of \$6331.80 under pre-approved \$10,000 total cemetery budget amount; **Motion** approved to do work Keefer/Emery 4-0.

HTFD Report: dirt has been leveled at the front of the lot at the Barn; new sign is up. A new contract with Comcast has 15/mo. in savings vs. old contract; shop has been rebulbed. Due to recent drowning at Banker’s Lake, Chief Rose is checking into a recovery boat; perhaps a flat bottom johnboat on a trailer, and 2 life jackets & 4 life preservers have been ordered. A new grant was submitted for self-contained breathing apparatus, mesh hoods, gloves, and leather boots for ~\$20,000, but not expecting to receive it all.

Public Comment: Kelly Cooley agreed with last month’s statement by Mr. TenEyck regarding the speed on Bunn Road.

Motion to adjourn at 7:16! Keefer/Lantis 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Roberts, Deputy Clerk