

Hillsdale Township Board Minutes

8/9/2016 Regular Meeting

Hillsdale, MI 49242

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

Guests: Jack McLain, Ruth Brown, Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Allion, Mrs. Keefer, Mike Parney, Joe Sanford, Jim Lancaster

Supervisor Sullivan opened the meeting at 6:33pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Comments from Scheduled Guests:

Mike Parney HCRC, updated the Board on the summer road projects. He answered questions and gave options for next year concerning the dust control on gravel roads. He was also asked to check the mowing along Mechanic.

Public Comment: Mr. Allion requests the word *Barn* be forever banished when referencing the fire station.

Correspondence: Marsh received an email and supporting documents showing that the City of Hillsdale received our payment of \$8800.00 for library services but lost the check internally. They request a replacement. It was the Board's consensus that the City would need to agree to pay the stop payment fee before a replacement check will be issued. Sullivan will contact the City.

Consent Agenda:

This month's payments presented by Marsh: \$23,828.85

Board Minutes of 7/12/16 were accepted with one change: station instead of barn

Planning Commission Minutes from July were reviewed

Fire Board Minutes/Chief's Report were reviewed

Treasurer Lantis reported current balance of \$620,942.61

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Old Business:

New Website is still a work in progress

HTFD millage proposal: passed: 337-111. Support efforts by the firefighters and Chief were acknowledged.

Sullivan will follow up with Nick Wheeler about form L-4029 that determines the millage rate.

Other election results: There was a 30.2 % township turnout compared to 22 % county wide. Sullivan complimented the election workers.

New Business:

Brick Paver Project: Marsh presented an idea for a sitting area outside the hall. Bob Billman quoted \$3412 for the 12 x 12 brick paver project with a seat wall on two sides. No action or support was provided.

Jordan land division motion passed 5-0 Marsh/Lantis

Jim Lancaster of South Sand Lake voiced his concerns about the use of a lake access lot for “back-lotters”. McClain will bring maps to our next meeting and Sullivan will follow up with Nick Wheeler to see if this is a Township issue or a property owner’s issue.

Zoning Officer Report: McLain submitted a written report and updated the board on current situations. He developed a form for home based businesses (with input from Marsh) so the Township could keep track of them and proposed a \$20 fee much like the zoning application. He would also like to visit current home based businesses and retroactively record and charge. Sullivan did not feel comfortable and suggested more thought and discussion be done before any action. The pool and hot tube business was mentioned and Sullivan requested action or leave it be. The planning commission will pin point what parts of the home based business ordinance that the pool place is not in compliance with.

Sexton Report: 2 more lots have been sold and new ribbons may be need to poured next year. Sullivan requested quotes and ideas for the fall planting of trees. Work on King Lake may start soon.

HTFD Report: Everything is going well. They recently hosted a benefit pancake supper. Sullivan requested the Fire Board discuss such activities along with Firefighter’s “rent” of the station as it is a Township property. Marsh will provide a copy of our hall rental agreement and will attend their next meeting.

Planning Commission: Sanford explained that bringing the current ordinance up to date has been time consuming but they are working through it. He would like Deputy Clerk Roberts to start the recording and editing process and proposed 3 public hearings to break up the process for the public to give input on the changes.

Other Public Comment: None

Motion to adjourn at 8:04 Keefer/Lantis 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

James Marsh, Clerk