

Hillsdale Township Board Minutes

05/09/2017 Regular Meeting

Hillsdale, MI 49242

Board Members Present: Lantis, Emery, Marsh, Keefer

Guests: Jack TenEyck, Mr. and Mrs. Allion, Joe Sanford, Ruth Brown, Debra Sword, John Sword

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

Motion to have Marsh chair the meeting until Supervisor Sullivan arrives, Keefer/Emery 4-0

Motion to approve the agenda, Lantis/Keefer 4-0

Comments from Scheduled Guests: None

Ruth Brown provided the county commissioner report via email

Correspondence: Info from the Decker Agency showing the ratio of our insurance costs was 78% fire dept, 22% Twsp. Marney Kast sent info on the procedures needed to obtain the new voting equipment

Consent Agenda:

This month's payments presented by Marsh: General account: \$9987.90 which includes \$1500 for tree moving and mulch for Sand Lake Valley, Fire Dept. account: \$2584.05

Board Minutes of 04/11/2017 were approved

Planning Commission and ZBA Minutes were reviewed

Fire Board Minutes were reviewed

Treasurer report provided by Lantis: \$604,184.72 in the general fund, \$130,502.55 in the fire department fund which includes millage, grant, and checking account funds. Lantis also purchased a new printer.

Motion to approve consent agenda: Keefer/Lantis 4-0

Old Business: The **cleanup day** went well. Jack TenEyck requested that it would be helpful if he could get a call before the dumpsters were delivered. The board thanks the firefighters, fire board members, and Trustee Emery for their efforts.

Trustee Keefer gave a report on the **MTA conference**.

Marsh reported that still no word from the **road commission** on the brine application contract or signs for the FD. The Supervisor will be asked to follow up with Mr. Parney.

New Business:

A \$50,000 grant was received from the Weatherwax Foundation for the purchase of a new pumper truck. Sullivan will write a thank you note and confirm the time frame in which to use it. The Herrick foundation was unable to offer any assistance this year.

Resolution 2017-05-01, establishing Township Fees, was passed 4-0

Zoning Officer Report: McLain submitted his report and it was reviewed. PC Chair Sanford also commented on a few other situations that were being worked on.

Sexton Report: Sanford provided a written report. Marsh and Sanford still need to go over the online mapping of SLV. Marsh found some historical records for King Lake that can be scanned and put on our website. Keefer reported that the retaining wall was done at King Lake and it would cost around \$3000 for a complete mapping of King Lake per his visit with a vendor at the MTA Conference.

7:15 Supervisor Sullivan arrived.

HTFD Report: FD Board Member TenEyck reported that the cost to repair the pumper will be close to \$13,000. McLain and TenEyck are working on repairing the zero turn mower, and the Fire Board using figures from Chief Rose recommend that a coverage contract for Jefferson Township be \$50,000.00. Sullivan will contact them with this info.

Planning Commission: In response to the Joint Meeting, Sanford requested that the Board help fund a survey for the Rec Plan. It was suggested that the city and township split the cost in ratio of population and that our share would not be more than \$250.00

Other Public Comments: Retired firefighter Floyd Allion was recognized for his many years of service with a round of applause. Sullivan will set up a meeting with the Republic Waste representative.

Motion to adjourn at 7:46 pm.

Keefer/Emery 5-0

Respectfully submitted, James Marsh Clerk