

Hillsdale Township Board Minutes

02/14/2017 Regular Meeting

Hillsdale, MI 49242

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

Guests: Jack McLain, Ruth Brown, Rick Parney, Kelly Cooley

Supervisor Sullivan opened the meeting at 6:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to approve the agenda Sullivan/Keefer 5-0

Comments from Scheduled Guests: None

Ruth Brown provided the county commissioner report via email. She discussed the Lifeways potential millage vote.

Correspondence: Letter from Representative Leutheuser, an electronic sign proposal, unsolicited quote for mowing from TKC Lawn, a contract from Domestic Harmony, and a notice from the county treasurer about the Osbourne property.

Consent Agenda:

This month's payments presented by Marsh: \$10,163.20

Board Minutes of 01/10/2017 were approved

Planning Commission Minutes were reviewed

Fire Board Minutes were reviewed

Treasurer report provided by Lantis: \$635,452.45, Last office hours for tax collection are 2/28 from 8am – 4 pm

Motion to approve consent agenda: Sullivan/Marsh 5-0

Old Business: We will be hosting the July 25th evening meeting for the County Board of Commissioners

New Business:

Marsh updated the Board on a meeting with the Risk Auditor. She recommended various policies to inform and protect. We want to meet with insurance agent Dekker to get his input and then we will start to move forward. Fire Chief Rose also has a list that he is working on.

Sullivan presented budget figures for year to date and the proposed 2017-2018 budget. Lantis pointed out the need to show the other items for fire income. Sullivan will follow up with CPA Bailey on how to show the millage for this year.

Wages were then discussed using info from MTA on comparable townships in population and parcels. **The following resolutions were approved:**

2017-02-01 Supervisor wages set at \$10,500.00

2017-02-02 Clerk wages set at \$13,500.00

2017-02-03 Treasurer wages set at \$13,000.00

2017-02-04 Trustee wages set at \$1,500.00

Motion to hold the annual budget public hearing at 6:30 pm March 14, 2017 Sullivan/Keefer 5-0

Resolution 2017-02-05 to Approve the Board of Review Meetings Date and Time Sullivan/Marsh 5-0

3/15/2017 from 3pm – 9 pm and 3/16/2017 from 1pm – 7 pm

Motion to adopt the Hillsdale Township Fire Department Substance Abuse Policy Marsh/Sullivan 5-0

Motion to re-appoint Jack McClain and Jack TenEyck to the Fire Board for terms ending 2019 Marsh/Lantis 5-0.

Zoning Officer Report: McLain said there was little new activity.

Sexton Report: Sanford was not available. Keefer suggested the Clerk have info on how to proceed if Sexton not available.

HTFD Report: McLain reported that an older printer, PC, and billing software have quit working. Work is being done on the software upgrade, an inexpensive printer was purchased, and a new laptop may be purchased. The annual Firefighters dinner will be held at the hall on April 22. Chief Rose is working on providing info for the grant request.

Planning Commission: Sanford was not available. Keefer will point out requested changes to their minutes and the City of Hillsdale would like to start to review and update our joint recreation plan.

Other Public Comments: None

Motion to adjourn at 8:13 pm. Keefer/Emery 5-0 Respectfully submitted, James Marsh Clerk