

TOWNSHIP OF FLOWERFIELD

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY

March 12, 2019 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

- **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT** - Myron Fuller, Carroll Parmeter, Ron Shaver, Evelyn Flowers, Alan Pearson
- **CALL TO ORDER** - Carroll called the meeting to order at 7 PM
- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Recited
- **BOARD MEMBER ADDITIONS** - Ron: Add Ayers Road to UNFINISHED BUSINESS. Carroll: Add Road chloride to NEW BUSINESS.
- **APPROVAL OF March 12, 2019 Agenda** - Carroll motion to approve with additions, Alan second, motion carried
- **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS** - None
- **APPROVAL OF March 5, 2019 Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes** - Alan motion, Evelyn second, motion carried
- **GUEST/PUBLIC COMMENTS** - Ron (Ayers Road resident): Disappointed in Marcellus Fire Department as they were slow to put out neighbors fire. Ayers Road resident Dave Halladay: 14 of 16 townships have come to the road commission with matching funds, not Flowerfield Township. Ayers Road resident Carl Hartsig passed out questions to the board regarding last months vote on repairing Ayers Road.
- **CORRESPONDENCE** - Myron: Notice of Public Hearing from the County Clerk on the ORV Ordinance and posted outside.

REPORTS

- **SUPERVISOR, CARROLL PARMETER** - None
- **CLERK, MYRON FULLER** - None
- **TREASURER, ALAN PEARSON** - MAESA Report: 5 ambulance runs and 2 fire runs in Flowerfield Township
- **TRUSTEE, RON SHAVER** - None
- **TRUSTEE, EVELYN FLOWERS** - None
- **ASSESSOR, SHALICE NORTHROP** - Absent
- **PLANNING COMMISSION, GREG HAMELINK** - Absent. Ron: Flowerfield Township is now enrolled in the National Flood Insurance Program and would like a note about it in the next tax bill.
- **BLIGHT OFFICER, MIKE HAYDON** - Absent
- **BUILDING INSPECTOR, RANDY SCHMELING** - Absent
- **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR, DOUG KUHLMAN** - Absent
- **SEXTON, BILL KRUGER** - 2 full burials and 1 cremation

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Approve dump passes** - Alan motion to approve dump passes and if mailed requires SASE, Carroll second, motion carried
- **Approval of township official salary increases** - Carroll motion to approve 7% increase for the clerk, treasurer and trustees, \$2000 increase for supervisor and \$5 increase for planning commission members, Alan second. Roll call vote: All yes. Motion carried.
- **Approval of 2019/2020 township budgets** - Carroll motion, Myron second. Roll call vote: All yes. Motion carried.
- **Ayers Road** - Ron wanted to reiterate what Carl Hartsig talked about at the last meeting and requested the following document from Carl Hartsig be entered into the minutes:

A summary of what Carl Hartsig verbally presented to the Flowerfield Township Board during the February 2019 Flowerfield Township meeting and the response from the Board.

- The township pays to treat 31 miles of gravel road with chloride (dust control) each year.
- It costs between \$34,000.00 and \$36,000.00 each year for those 31 miles (average cost is \$35,000.00).
- Average cost per one mile of road per year is \$1129.00.
- When/if Ayers is allowed to go back to gravel it will cost the township an additional \$1129.00 each year.
- Assuming that the cost for chloride stays the same, in 14.5 years the township will spend \$16325.00 on Ayers road and every other 1 mile stretch of gravel road in the township to keep it treated with chloride.
- From my notes Ayers road has been paved for at least 22 years, from this perspective it would be cost effective and a wise expenditure of township \$ to spend the \$16325.00 now to keep Ayers road paved and would save the township ~\$8470.00 over 22 years (7.5 years x 1129 = ~8470.00).
- Given this information I am asking that the board reconsider spending the \$16325.00 in 2019 to restore and keep Ayers road paved.

Here are the comments given:

- Myron – We don't have to chlorinate the gravel roads.
- It was mentioned (maybe by Ron) that the township was told by someone (?) that applying chloride to gravel roads is not considered maintenance.
- Carroll – I am not going to bring Ayers road to a vote again.

End of document.

Ron motion to approve \$16,325 in matching funds to chip and double seal Ayers Road, Evelyn second. Roll call vote: Evelyn=yes, Ron=yes, Carroll=no, Myron=no, Alan=no. Motion failed.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Approve Flowerfield Township Banks for 2019/20 fiscal year - Current banks are Southern Michigan Bank & Trust, G.W. Jones Exchange Bank and Flagstar Bank** - Carroll motion, Myron second. Roll call vote: Ron=yes, Carroll=yes, Myron=yes, Alan=yes, Evelyn=no. Motion carried.
- **Approve Flowerfield Township Attorney for 2019/20 fiscal year - Current Attorney is Bauckham, Sparks, Rolfe, Lohrstorfer & Stall, PC** - Carroll motion, Myron second, motion carried
- **Approve Flowerfield Township Auditor for 2019/20 fiscal year - Current Auditor Siegfried Crandall, PC** - Myron motion, Carroll second, motion carried
- **Set Mileage reimbursement rate for 2019/20 fiscal year- Current IRS rate is 58 cents/mile** - Myron motion, Alan second, motion carried
- **Approve Flowerfield Township Sexton contract for 2019/20 fiscal year** - Carroll motion, Myron second, motion carried
- **Approve Flowerfield Township Assessor and employee contract for 2019/20 fiscal year** - Carroll motion, Myron second, motion carried
- **Approve schedule of regular meetings for 2019/20 fiscal year** - Carroll motion, Myron second, motion carried
- **Approve Resolution 2019-03-12** - Carroll motion, Myron second, motion carried
- **Approve Resolution 2019-03-12 (A)** - Myron motion, Alan second. Roll call vote: All yes. Motion carried.
- **Approve Resolution 2019-03-12 (B)** - Myron motion, Evelyn second. Roll call vote: All yes. Motion carried.
- **Road Chloride** - Ron motion to approve if \$40,000 or less, Myron second, motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES (6967 – 7000) - Myron motion, Carroll second, motion carried

ADJOURNMENT - Myron motion, Evelyn second, motion carried at 8:35 PM