

Dafter Township Board

Supervisor: Bob Brown
Clerk: Jodi Hunter
Treasurer: Kareen Brown
Trustee: Robert "Bob" St. Peter
Trustee: Joyce Engelhardt

Meeting Minutes
for
June 15, 2015
7:00 p.m.

Dafter Township Hall
2926 W. 10 Mile Road
Dafter, MI 49724

- Call to order

Present: Bob Brown, Jodi Hunter, Kareen Brown, Joyce Engelhardt, Bob St. Peter
Absent: None

- Pledge of Allegiance

Given by all in attendance

- Approval of Minutes

-May 11, 2015 Minutes - Emailed with Agenda – Accepted as presented

- Citizen's Comments

Frank Marsh from the Dafter Lions Club presented a check for \$700 to the Township as a donation to pay for lettering on the new fire truck.

- Treasurer's Report

Incoming funds \$16,516.59. A transfer of \$10,000 from completed from General to Fire. Total expenses for the month were \$14,122.13 of which \$8,395.21 was for General Fund and \$5,726.92 was for Fire Fund.

- Approval of Bills

- List of Bill Payments Attached – Including CC approved to be paid after meeting
The Board discussed that Dan Fox should have a credit card rather than petty cash as all places purchases small supplies from will accept credit cards. The Board approved Dan getting a card and designated Jodi to take care of getting the card issued.

Kareen made the motion to approve the payments as presented. Joyce supported.
Motion passed unanimously.

-Approval of Credit Card Charges submitted to be paid before the next meeting
Kareen made a motion to approve the credit card charges. Joyce supported.
Motion passed unanimously.

- Supervisor's Report

Bob B. discussed a letter that was received from a concerned citizen anonymously related to the home/apartment building on the corner of Soo Line and 10 Mile Road. The letter discussed that the building is in disrepair and asked if the Board

could address the issues. Bob B. explained to the Board that there are no codes related to the unfinished siding and that no citations can be issued. Bob B. indicated that he would stop and discuss the concerns with the owner.

The Board has a short discussion regarding the property next to the Township related to a pool being set up on Township property and additional issues with drainage and septic issues. Bob B. will follow up with the concerns related to the property.

Bob B. has received several calls regarding the Amish families that are moving into the area. Bob B. wanted to ensure to all that the only differences with the Amish is that they do not pay Social Security taxes, but are subject to all the same other rules and codes that everyone else must follow. They pay property taxes and must obtain all permits as required.

A concern was brought to Jodi related to the outhouse on 6 mile road where the Amish family is building. Jodi relayed the concern to the Board and Bob B. indicated that he will follow up with the family as outhouses are not allowed in the Township.

- Correspondence

Kareen received the notification that the Township has the option to purchase the property on 10 mile and Soo Line, along with two other properties that the Township has no use for. Jodi made the motion, Bob St. Peter seconded and the motion passed unanimously to purchase one of the three properties for the purpose of widening the driveway to the park for better accessibility. The amount of the back taxes that will be due is \$1,166.08.

Jodi received a ballot from Michigan Township Participating Plan to re-elect a Board of Director for our area. Marvin Besteman was on the ballot and after discussion, the board agreed that he is a good representative and agreed that we would return the ballot with an affirmative vote.

Jodi discussed correspondence received related to the request for public bids if/when the pavilion project is approved.

Bob B. discussed that he received an approval for septic in the township and a well permit.

-Clerk's Report

-Budget to Actual Year YTD Report – Jodi updated the Board on the status of the transfers for the Fire Department for the current year and discussed that we may need to make some adjustments of classifications for expenses at a later point due to some expenses that were previously classified incorrectly.

Jodi is working on the financial reports for the fiscal year and is expecting to have a draft for the Board to review sometime at the end of July.

Jodi discussed the new website and that she will continue to work on getting it up and running. She will be contacting the current hosting service and will work on getting the domain transferred to the Township. Jodi proposed that she develop a contract that she will host the website and maintain the domains for the actual cost of the domains and additional hosting fees, but that all the domains related to the township are owned by the township at any point that she is no longer hosting the site. Bob made the motion to approve this arrangement, Joyce supported. Motion passed unanimously.

- Fire Commissioners Report

Henry was absent and Bob B. supplied the Fire Commissioners report. Bob asked for an approval for Henry to apply for a grant from the DNR to purchase firefighting equipment. Jodi made a motion to approve Henry to apply, Joyce seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Bob discussed the upcoming Firefighter's Fun Day and Fundraiser, which is funded entirely by the Dafter Firefighter's Association with all proceeds to benefit the Association. The Fun Day will be held on June 27, 2015. Jodi posted the advertisement on Facebook and will put up signs to advertise.

Henry provided a new application for a firefighter for the Board to approve. Henry recommended this applicant. The Board approved the application.

- Zoning Administrators Report

Two new homes being built in the Township. The Planning Commission met last month.

- Parks & Recreation Committee

Bob St. Peter discussed the ball diamond and the potential for bidding on the bleachers from the prison. Storage of equipment for the ball diamonds was also discussed and the need for a storage building rather than using the fire hall to store equipment.

The pavilion project was discussed in terms of what the Parks and Recreation would like to have and Bob Brown asked for a cost of materials for the project. The project is still in the discussion stages at this point.

- Old Business

-Fire Department Fun Day sponsored by the Dafter Firefighters Association
June 27, 2015 – 9:00 a.m. – 5: 00 p.m.

The upcoming fundraiser was discussed. The group will be having a 50/50 raffle, dunk tank, and other games and food sales.

-Discussion of hall rental prices

The Board discussed changing the hall rental rates to make the hall more accessible to citizens to use. Hall use has declined since the increase in hall rates. Kareen made a motion to change the rate to \$50 per floor and \$100 for the whole hall for residents, with rates to be double for non-residents. Jodi supported the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

-New Business

Bob St. Peter discussed that he spoke with a resident about the millage proposal and that residents do not seem to understand completely how the ambulance contract works. To help better explain this, it was discussed that we will put together a brochure and also provide information in the July newsletter regarding the proposed millage.

Bob B. brought up that the property at Mackinac Trail and 10 Mile Road needs to be mowed/brush hogged. Discussion ensued about the amount of junk in the yard and how difficult it would be. The Board agreed to discuss further at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jodi Hunter, Clerk