

Dafter Township Board

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

Meeting Minutes
for
August 17, 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, Bob St. Peter, Joyce Engelhardt
Absent: None

- Pledge of Allegiance

Given by all in attendance

- Approval of Minutes

-July 13, 2015 Minutes - Provided with Agenda – Kareen made a motion to approve, Joyce seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- Citizen's Comments

- Treasurer's Report

Kareen presented the treasurers report. \$26,944.25 was total incoming funds. The transfer of \$11,245.28 was made to fire fund. Total expenses were \$11,292.76 with funds ending at \$70,671.11 for General Fund, \$13,057.01 for Fire and \$1,904.62 for Truck Fund. Total funds with CD's are \$337,414.07.

- Approval of Bills

- List of Bill Payments Attached – Bob Brown indicated that Dan Fox said there should still be a warranty for the furnace regarding the bill from Albert Heating and Cooling. Discussion ensued and it appears the warranty is expired, but Jodi indicated that she would follow up and investigate further prior to sending the check. Kareen made the motion to pay the bills, Joyce seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

-Approval of Credit Card Charges submitted to be paid before the next meeting. There were no credit card charges for the month. Jodi submitted a reimbursement request for mileage to attend a MTA conference in St. Ignace. She indicated that she would be discussing much of the information learned and implementing various changes over the next few months.

- Supervisor's Report

-Bob Brown asked about the grant for the e-Pollbook that Jodi submitted. Jodi indicated that the grant has been submitted and it will likely be several months before we receive the equipment.

-Bob Brown thanked Bob St. Peter for riding in the brine trucks and showing them where the roads needed to be brined. Bob Brown discussed that he received several calls complaining that the brine was not working, so he explained that the brine needs moisture to activate, and since we had not received rain for a while it was not working as well. Now that we had received some rain, the complaints stopped as the brine is working well.

-Bob Brown discussed the appeal meeting with county and the Amish where they had requested to be exempt from the zoning/building laws due to religious beliefs. The request was denied. The prosecuting attorney will be following up with notification that the Amish must obtain proper permits or they may be prosecuted. The Amish have indicated that they will appeal the decision. The Amish have received a well and septic permit and did receive a permit for the outhouse.

-Bob Brown thanked everyone for working on the millage. The millage passed with a vote of 69- Yes votes and 49 – No votes. Bob St. Peter indicated that many people came to vote because the newsletter information clearly explained the need and that many people did not understand how the ambulance contract worked. Joyce discussed that we have many more registered voters that did not vote.

-Bob Brown discussed the planning commission meetings and will be looking into the number of times that the commission is required to meet, and that this winter they will be looking at the all of the zoning laws.

- Correspondence

-Jodi passed around a few DEQ notices for the Board to review.

-Clerk's Report

-Budget to Actual Year YTD Report – Jodi presented the budget to actual report and indicated that the budget is in line so far year to date. There will be a few budget adjustments at a later time, but it will only be transferring funds between line items with no increases in expenses anticipated.

-Jodi indicated that she took care of getting Dan Fox a credit card for \$500 to replace the use of petty cash. The card should be in before the next meeting.

-Jodi discussed the possibility of reducing the number of newsletters each year to reduce costs. She proposed creating three instead of four annually. Bob St. Peter asked how the mailing list are created and wondered if we could put actual names on the newsletters to help eliminate the number that are not delivered. Jodi discussed that the ones that are returned are removed from the list. The possibility of using only the list of registered voters to mail was discussed.

- Fire Commissioners Report

-Bob Brown reported for Henry who was unable to attend the meeting. Bob discussed that the Firefighter's Association has been discussing further fundraisers. Bob Brown

indicated that a citizen who was unable to attend the fundraiser in June donated \$1,000 to the Association. This was a citizen who had a house fire in the past and wanted to support the department.

- Zoning Administrators Report

-No new permits were issued. Other information was already presented as part of Supervisor's report.

- Parks & Recreation Committee

-Bob St. Peter discussed the pavilion, and the recreation plans that can be developed in conjunction with the county. Bob St. Peter asked if Jodi had the packet regarding this 5-year recreation program. Jodi indicated that she would drop the information off for Bob St. Peter to review. Kareen discussed the nice playground that Bruce Township had and wondered the cost of getting something similar. Bob St. Peter discussed the regulation involved with putting in playground equipment and how expensive it is due to the requirements.

- Old Business

-Bob St. Peter asked about surveying the property lines next door. Bob Brown discussed that in the next budget year we will look at surveying the property prior to improving the road to the park to ensure that everything is in order before making adjustments to the road. Joyce discussed that there may be another property that may have a building extending on township property and that if we do a survey on all the property around the park to ensure that any additional improvements in that area will be in line with property line regulations.

-New Business

No new business discussed.

Motion to adjourn by Joyce, Jodi seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodi Hunter, Clerk