

Dafter Township Board

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

Meeting Minutes
for
September 14, 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

-August 17, 2015 Minutes - Provided with Agenda
Kareen made a motion to approve the minutes, Joyce supported. Motion passed unanimously.

- Citizen's Comments

No comments.

- Treasurer's Report

Starting funds were \$85,633.75. Incoming funds were \$2,360.66. Expenses were \$18,198.31 for General Fund and \$8,461.68 for Fire Fund. Ending balances were \$54,826.35 for General Fund, \$4,602.16 for Fire Fund and \$1,905.91 for Truck Fund. CD's ended at \$251,805.53.

- Approval of Bills

- List of Bill Payments provided. Jodi explained that the payment to Shute Oil Company is to meet the pre-buy deadline to receive the discount and cover the propane for the winter. Jodi discussed the payment to Wex for the fire department fleet account. Jodi discussed that the company is unwilling to waive late fees or work with the Township on due dates. Jodi proposed investigating other alternative options for fleet cards. The Board agreed that Jodi will look into alternative options and present to the Board at the next meeting. Kareen made the motion to accept the bills, Joyce supported. Motion passed unanimously.

-Approval of Credit Card Charges – Jodi submitted receipts for the mandatory State election training in Marquette. Bob St. Peter made a motion to approve, Joyce supported. The motion passed unanimously.

- Supervisor's Report

Bob Brown provided an update on the ditch work on 10 Mile Road. The county will be cleaning out ditches in a couple locations along 10 Mile near Louise St.

Bob Brown discussed that the home donated from Wells Fargo has a hot water tank and toilet that could be salvaged and possibly used in the Fire Hall since the hot water heater needs to be replaced in the fire hall and the toilet as well. Utilizing these items could save the Township some money since the house is being scrapped anyway.

Bob Brown thanked Bob St. Peter for coordinating getting the grass cut on the property at 10 Mile and Mackinaw Trail.

- Zoning Administrators Report

Bob Brown provided an update on the permits for the Amish. The Amish have applied to be exempt from building code. The request was denied. The houses were posted by the Building Inspector and the situation is now being handled by the Prosecutor's Office. Bob Brown did issue a zoning permit for a barn.

Issued a zoning permit for an agricultural building for Greg May.

- Correspondence

None indicated

-Assessor

-The assessor presented a land division application for John Mackety. The property to be split to the two adjoining neighbors. The property is a 10 acre parcel on 12 Mile Road. Kareen made a motion to approve the land division. Joyce supported, motion passed unanimously.

Luanne updated the board on the State Tax audit. Ten properties in Dafter Township were inspected and she received no complaints. She was also audited for the property records and the final report of finding will be sent to the Township Supervisor in a few weeks.

-Clerk's Report

-Budget to Actual Report-Jodi presented the budget to actual reports for both the General Fund and Emergency funds. Jodi also discussed that the financial statements were completed and sent to the Board for review. She will be submitting these to the State within the week.

-State Election Training-Jodi provided an update regarding the State Election Accreditation training that she attended in Marquette the previous week. Dafter Township will be moving to the ePollbook system and online QVF voter registration system in the near future. Jodi explained the benefits of converting to the QVF system.

- Fire Commissioners Report

Henry updated the Board on the training that the department held at the donated house on 10 Mile and Mackinac Trail. The department practiced search and rescue using a smoke machine and various other activities similar to qualification training exercises. The training was successful. Bob Brown commented on how effective this training is for keeping firefighters up to date. Another training is planned for the upcoming weekend.

Henry indicated that the department had one run for a car accident since the last meeting. Henry is attending training with Central Dispatch on the new system for tracking personnel and certifications.

Henry appointed Bill Ogelsby as the new Assistant Fire Chief from the previous Captain position. Henry commented that Bill has been a great asset and has gone above and beyond the duties of a volunteer and is very deserving of the role as Assistant Chief. Henry will be appointing a new captain in the new future. Henry is also in the process of contacting members who have not been active in the department to request the return of gear and equipment if they are not going to actively participate.

Henry discussed that he would like to look into a cover for the fire truck to hold equipment in while heading to emergencies. Henry discussed that the roof on the fire hall is leaking and needs some attention very soon. The Board asked Henry to contact a roofing contractor and obtain a quote to fix the roof and report back to the Board.

Henry approved for one member to attend a specialized training at LSSU for vehicle extraction training.

- Parks & Recreation Committee

Bob St. Peter updated the Board on the potential for working with the grant program for the EUP Master Plan for Chippewa County. He will work on coordinating a meeting with a couple members from the Parks and Recreation Committee to meet and discuss options.

Bob St. Peter will be getting in touch with the users of the ball fields to get items put away and moved for the winter since activities are done for the year.

Bob St. Peter is still working on obtaining bleachers for the park. He will keep the Board updated on the progress.

- Old Business

Discussion around the property next door to the hall ensued with plans for a survey to be done at a later time in the next budget year prior to developing the road to the park.

-New Business

Discussion regarding a request to put up more speed limit signs thru the populated area of 10 Mile. It was determined that these signs are not the responsibility of the Township, these are installed by the County. The Board will not pursue this.

Bob Brown indicated that we needed to start scheduling and planning the Annual Training Dinner. Jodi will look into scheduling this event and present the Board with the information at the next meeting. Bob Brown and Henry will work on arranging the speakers for the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodi Hunter, Clerk