

Dafter Township Board

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

Meeting Minutes
for
November 9, 2015
7:00 p.m.

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

- Call to order

Present: Jodi Hunter, Bob Brown, Kareen Brown, Bob St. Peter
Absent: Joyce Engelhardt

- Pledge of Allegiance

Given by all in attendance

- Approval of Minutes

-October 12, 2015 Minutes - Provided with Agenda – Kareen made a motion to approve, Bob St. Peter supported. Motion passed unanimously.

- Citizen's Comments

Don McLeod provided an update on the current activities of other committees within Chippewa County.

- Treasurer's Report

Kareen reported that beginning funds were \$58,960.01 for General, a deficit of \$4,026.80 for Fire, and \$1,907.42 for Truck. Incoming funds totaled \$2,358.84. Expenses for the month were \$13,663.18, resulting in General ending with \$52,173.32, Fire with a deficit of \$8,544.92 and Truck with \$1,908.49. CD's totaled \$252,029.72 for total funds of \$297,566.61.

- Approval of Bills

- List of Bill Payments to be provided at meeting – Kareen made a motion to approve checks #7664 - #7678, plus direct deposit and EFT for payroll. Jodi seconded, motion passed unanimously.

-Approval of Credit Card Charges – Bob informed the group of the charge for the MTA conference. Kareen made a motion to approve payment, Jodi seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- Supervisor's Report

Bob Brown discussed his upcoming attendance at the MTA Annual Conference. He is looking at travel alternatives that are most economical.

Bob Brown updated the board on the water issues on Mr. Keim's property which appears to stem from a neighbor having a road thru the ditch. The issue appears to be a civil issue between neighbors.

Bob Brown updated the Board as to the status of the house demolition on the Mackinac Trail. He will follow up to ensure the home is removed prior to winter.

Bob Brown indicated that he did not have much new to report on the Amish, only that an arbitration meeting was scheduled but he did not know the outcome as of the meeting.

- Correspondence

Bob Brown received the audit report from the Department of Treasury. Only four findings were cited which is very low in comparison. Luanne (assessor) will write the corrective action required and consult with Bob to submit.

-Clerk's Report

-Budget to Actual Report – Jodi presented the budget to actual expense report for the year. To date, all expenses are under budget and revenues are at expected.

-Annual Dinner/Training – A short discussion was held about the upcoming annual dinner/training event. Bob Brown discussed that the speakers were arranged.

-Renewal Resolution for Pension Plan – Jodi provided a copy of the annual renewal resolution for the Township pension plan for approval. Kareen made a motion to approve and Bob St. Peter supported. Motion passed unanimously.

- Fire Commissioners Report

Henry thanked Patty Lowes and Andrea Brown for handing out candy at the Fire Hall on Halloween. He reported that the department did not have any runs in the last month, and that there were no major outstanding maintenance issues. He reported that Bill Ogelsby and Pete Falk were available to provide routine maintenance to equipment and asked permission to have them provide this service. Henry discussed that he is still working on getting a contractor to look at the roof problems with the Fire Hall. Henry discussed that one firefighter will be attending the Firefighter I and II training class in Pickford, and that another member would be attending the Emergency Driving Class in Kinross. He reported that there were no more fees for radios for the department. On December 3, there will be a training with Cloverland on dealing with high power lines.

- Zoning Administrators Report

Bob Brown reported that no new permits were issued.

- Parks & Recreation Committee

Bob St. Peter reported that on November 19, a meeting would be held with the county group working on the Parks and Recreation plan. He also reported that he is still working on obtaining bleacher for the park.

- Old Business

Jodi reported that QVF election software was now being utilized. She also discussed that election workers have not received a raise in a number of years and that the board may want to consider an increase. Election workers will have to have additional training next year for new software and added responsibilities.

-New Business

Bob Brown discussed that he had been approached regarding selling the shed from the Mackinac Trail property. Discussion of selling the tires that the Fire Department no longer needs also was brought up again. Jodi is going to look into the requirements to dispose of these items and report back to the board.

Bob Brown presented a quote from Henry Lowes to provide snowplowing for the winter. Kareen made a motion to approve hiring Henry for this service, Jodi supported. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodi L. Hunter
Clerk