

# Woodhull Township

## Meeting Minutes

August 3, 2016

### Opening

The regular meeting of the Woodhull Township was called to order at 7 pm on August 6, 2016 at Woodhull Twp. Hall by Supervisor Hasse.

### Pledge of Allegiance was given

### Roll Call

Present were: Supervisor Hasse, Clerk Starr, Treasurer Cribbs, Trustee Dodge, and Trustee Brehm

### Approval of Agenda

The agenda was amended to add items to **Old Business** a) Revisit the contract with LSW regarding the Well Lease Agreement and Repair of the Hall foundation wall. **New Business** D) Paser scans of roads E) hiring legal counsel for current legal issue. Clerk Starr made motion supported by Dodge to accept the amended agenda. All Ayes, Motion carried.

### Delegation of Visitors

N/A

### Approval of Minutes

The minutes from both meetings on July 6, 2016 were unanimously approved. Dodge made motion supported by Starr. Supervisor Hasse would like to amend the amount for the special assessment to \$105900.00 from \$106000.00. All Ayes, No Nays. Motion carried.

### Committee/Board Reports

#### **Planning Commission: Trustee Brehm**

Planning Committee received the Masterplan update from County which was reviewed quite extensively and the P.C felt that the plan was not very specific and needed more detail so they put together a list of things that need to be addressed with the county at the next meeting which is August 24<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion of the Variance that Mr. McDonald of Graham Church requested of the old Graham Church to become a banquet/hall rental. The county said there was no need for a

variance and an application request for SUP (special use permit) is in. The P.C. has 30 days instead of 50 days to discuss it.

The Buceri SUP is coming up on Aug 27 at the County.

### **Fire Report/Trustee Dodge**

Ambulance Runs 31/ Fire Runs 36, training for the month was Pump and Drafting, HIPPA Education will be held in August at the North Station, Five MFR out of five personal passed the exam, making 100% success completion. Dodge made motion to approve the budget that the LSW provided the board with last month supported by Brehm. All Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

### **Treasure's Report/ Treasurer Cribbs**

The Audit Report came in and the Township is in excellent shape. Fund balance at the end of the year was \$705,108.00. Supervisor Hasse made motion to accept the Audit report seconded by Dodge. Roll Call vote, Trustee Dodge, Trustee Brehm, Treasurer Cribbs, Supervisor Hasse, Clerk Starr All Ayes, and No Nays. Motion Passed.

Move to accept Financial Report by Trustee Dodge, supported by Clerk Starr. Trustee Dodge, Trustee Brehm, Treasurer Cribbs, Supervisor Hasse, Clerk Starr. All Ayes, no Nays, Motion passed.

### **Clerk's report/ Clerk Starr**

The bills and payroll were all paid. The only large ones for the month were for Maner Costerisan the auditors. The bill was for \$11,400 however only \$10,900 was budgeted for the 2015-2016 year. Hasse wondered why the difference of \$500 and if we had a contract that described the difference. The other large one was for Shiawassee County Road Commission for all the road work done. The election went well. I will take some information to the board of canvassers and all results will be final once they look everything over. A motion was made to approve all bills for payment by Brehm, seconded by Dodge. Hasse wants to hold payment for the auditors until we find out why the \$500.00 difference in the amount that was budgeted. Roll call vote, Dodge yes, Brehm yes, Cribbs yes, Hasse yes, Starr yes.

### **Report Supervisor Hasse**

We received a draft of the Shiawassee County hazard mitigation Plan Update. It will be made available upon request.

### **Public Comment opened at 7:14pm**

There is a concern from resident whom lives on White Pine Drive about the amount of misinformation and disinformation that had appeared in the Letters to the Editor during the last election regarding the park, emergency services and road assessments. He had heard that the LSW budget had been cut by 70% and park funding was eliminated completely. He hopes that residents come to board meetings and learn firsthand what's happening here and not get their information through rumors. Questions pertaining to the Well lease agreement and if the Fire Authority accept it. Question arose about the placement of political signs in people's yard in a certain neighborhood. A resident made a comment that there needs to be respectfulness amongst the board member's and community members. A concerned resident inquired about if there is a plan for the 15 year road maintenance plan so that everybody gets to enjoy the 15 years of road because of the various vehicle sizes and types of agricultural equipment that travel on our Woodhull Twp. streets. Pertaining to the Graham church, the county development director asked them to do a variance, however the P.C thought it should be a SUP in case conditions must be added like noise level, parking and fencing which cannot be added with a variance. The county will look at the site plan at its next meeting. The P.C was only allowed 30 days to review not the normal 50 days.

### **Public Comment Closed at 7:24pm**

#### **Old Business**

The lifetime lease agreement with the term "exclusive use" that LSW wants the verbiage to say on the contract is not recommended by the townships attorneys. Supervisor Hasse will be in contact with Mr. Sparks to see if we can come to some agreement on it.

Treasurer Cribbs had contractor DC Byers come out and look at the Hall's foundation wall. It is in unfavorable condition. The seal is broken at the floor and the wall is bowed out at the far end. The work done on it years before was done in poor workmanship. Supervisor Hasse thinks we should contact the previous contractor to see if they would provide a remedy for this situation. If in fact the contractor does not provide a remedy then legal action maybe necessary. Treasurer Cribbs agrees. Trustee Dodge made motion to pursue new bids from prior contractor and/or pursue legal action if necessary. Cribbs seconded it. Roll Call vote, Dodge yes, Brehm yes, Cribbs yes, Hasse yes, Starr yes. Motion passed.

#### **New Business**

Setting the public hearing meetings for the annual ambulance assessment. It is an assessment of \$45 per household. Hasse suggests that we set the meeting for 6:30pm for

our next two board meetings in September and October. Dodge made motion, supported by Brehm. All ayes, No nays. Motion carried.

Consider financial assistance for the historical Marker that will be placed at the Town Hall at a cost of \$3900.00 + \$200.00 application fee. Mike Shaft presented a possible fundraising idea of selling a Plaque with the gold, silver, bronze application to donate money for the support to help defray the cost. The Shaft family maybe interested in paying for half the cost. Dodges only concern is if the Township can legally give money to a project like this. Brehm would personally contribute. The board will table any action right now until we can find out from attorneys.

The Property and Liability insurance renewal is due in November however the application is due in the month of August. Hasse received it in the mail and would like to be authorized to send in the application. Dodge seconded it. All Ayes, No Nays. Motion passed.

Cribbs is interested in doing the Paser scan of roads. It is a computer technology that rates the conditions of the roads. The current road conditions in Woodhull Township are rated 2<sup>nd</sup> in the county. This would be a great option for the 10 year Masterplan to have a great baseline. The cost would be approximately \$316.00 for the 27.7 miles of roads that would be measured. They would use bar charts that would graph every road in the township with its findings. Cribbs made motion to approve up to a \$500.00 limit of the Paser scan seconded by Dodge. Roll call vote Hasse, yes, Cribbs yes, Starr yes, Dodge yes, Brehm yes.

Legal issues with the previous Supervisor not returning all assets to the township and that some documents and legal opinions were being altered or withheld from the board. Hasse made motion-to authorize the Supervisor to request legal advice and assistance to pursue civil and/or criminal charges against the former Supervisor. That motion was seconded by Dodge. Cribbs, Starr, Hasse, Dodge all Ayes. Brehm was a Nay. Motion passed.

### **Public Comment opened at 7:55 pm**

Concern over the LSW well and something in agreement must be in writing. Concerns with motions being made and seconded. Will Cribbs be charging the township mileage for scanning the roads with his vehicle? Questions about what documents have been withheld from the township from the previous Supervisor and before we incur attorney fees to pursue something that has not been made available to the public. Historical marker is a great idea and another idea would be to sell bricks for people to put their names on. Slee said she has turned over all documents, keys and has nothing left in her possession. It is not necessary to spend tax dollars on attorneys that doesn't need to be

done. Speaking up a little louder in this large town hall room. When they were paving Shaftsbury Rd they didn't go all the way to the end to Winegar Rd. There a few spots that are breaking up on that section and it should be taken a look like. Concern over the amount of time that the emergency Clerk has put in. She was sworn in on some false promises. The pay for the clerk position has not been changed since 2004. The Township put in well on Woodbury and Beard Rd because of the amount of fires on that side of town. The LSW wants "Exclusive use" so that ONLY the fire department can use it because of previous mishaps with the previous well in downtown Laingsburg. There needs to be some sort of legal agreement between the Township board and the LSW board.

**Public Comment Closed at 8:14PM**

**Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:14pm by Supervisor Hasse

Minutes submitted by: Paula Starr, Clerk