

AMENDED on June 1, 2016

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**TOWNSHIP OF WOODHULL**  
**Shiawassee County, MI**

Regular Meeting

May 4, 2016

Supervisor Slee called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Also present were: Clerk Beverly Lang, Treas. Jim Cribbs, and Trustee Jim Brehm. Trustee Bill Dodge was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Brehm moved and Slee supported to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Cribbs moved and Brehm supported to amend the April 20 minutes by adding a comment made by a member of the public; and to approve minutes for April 6 and April 29. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's report for April was accepted subject to audit.

**DELEGATION OF VISITORS:** County Commissioner John Plowman was present and gave the Board a brief update of county level activities. County Clerk Lauri Braid was present and gave an update on elections matters and potential expense to townships either directly or through reduced revenue sharing to pay for new voting equipment.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Trustee Brehm presented the Board with an update on the Fire and Ambulance. Total runs for the year: Fire 43 and Ambulance 35.

Trustee Brehm reported the Planning Commission met and requested the Board provide rationale for proposed budget cuts; received a letter of intent from Sciota Township and responded with a copy of Woodhull Township Master Plan; commissioner Mark Coscarelli is running for District 7 County Commissioner; commissioner Lang is running

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for township clerk and may apply to fill the vacancy; Lang responded to request from Mr. Scott Danek; and to improve communication, the Planning Commission extended an invitation to the Park Commission to send a delegate to the next meeting.

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Public comments focused on perceived animosity toward Scenic Lake, questions on policy regarding sending letters to residents, taking roll of attendees at board meetings, the township park, the 80/20 township/subdivision road funding policy, and a legal opinion from township attorney Burlingame dated April 27, 2016 (copy attached) concluding that by inference, it is his opinion that under the Public Improvements Act the Board can resolve to vacate an assessment as of a given date. Clerk Lang stated she had raised a question as to whether, under parliamentary procedure, the 80/20 policy could be acted upon with its legality pending as stated in the body of the motion; that she had obtained an opinion from parliamentarian Charles Scovill that action could not take place until the stipulation of legality was satisfied; that she had not previously been given the April 27 opinion of the township attorney; and that she agreed the April 27 letter did satisfy the “pending legality” contingency, albeit by inference, of the April 6 motion. Resident Junger, a member of the county Board of Appeals, stated that the policy would not apply to new subdivision developments because such roads must pre-exist in compliance with county and road commission requirements prior to being legally declared a subdivision.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Citing the attorney’s opinion, Cribbs moved, supported by Brehm, that the Board resolve to vacate the special assessment on Scenic Lake residents because they have reached the 20% threshold; and to vacate the special assessment on White Pine residents once their installments reach the 20% threshold; and all future subdivisions are to get township funding for 80% of their road maintenance costs. Roll call: Cribbs yes; Brehm yes; Lang yes; Slee ~~no~~ yes. Resolution adopted.

Brehm moved and Cribbs supported to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Lang moved and Slee supported to accept the gravel hauling agreement with Shiawassee County Road Commission regarding Colby Lake Road for the estimated cost of \$13,131.00.

Cribbs moved and Lang supported to approve the petitions and hold assessment hearings for road work on Blackberry Lane. Roll call Cribbs yes, Brehm yes, Lang yes, and Slee yes. Motion passed.

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Lang moved and supported by Cribbs to approve the plans and cost estimate for Blackberry Lane at \$50,684.80. Roll call Cribbs yes, Brehm yes, Lang yes, and Slee yes.

Lang moved and Slee supported to set the first hearing for Blackberry Lane for May 18, 2016, at 6:00 pm. Motion passed.

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Lang moved and Slee supported to approve the petitions and hold assessment hearings for road work on Red Bud Drive. Roll call Cribbs yes, Brehm yes, Lang yes, and Slee yes. Motion passed.

Cribbs moved and Slee supported to approve the plans and cost estimate for Red Bud Drive at \$37,614.00. Roll call Cribbs yes, Brehm yes, Lang yes, and Slee yes. Motion passed.

Lang moved and supported by Cribbs to set the first hearing for Red Bud Drive for May 18, 2016, at 6:30 pm. Motion passed.

Brehm moved and Cribbs supported to NOT do Woodbury Road South this year. Motion passed.

Lang moved and Brehm supported re-instating the requested salary and contract budget for the Park Commission by increasing the salary account to \$5000 and increasing the Contract account to \$7800. Roll call Cribbs no, Brehm yes, Lang yes, and Slee yes. Motion passed.

Cribbs moved and Brehm supported hiring a contractor to enter the crawl space under the hall to inspect the condition of the foundation which is causing the floor to sag and the walls to bow. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Beverly Lang, Clerk  
Woodhull Township