

Supervisor Meerman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Other Board members present: Dianne Berenbrock, Troy Goodno, Ed Kelly & Jan Redding.

Agenda Approval-

Motion by DB to approve the agenda as presented. Second-JR, motion carries.

Public Comment-

Paul Seckora from the Ottawa Conservation District presented the Board with information on the grant for improving the water quality of Bass River and Deer Creek. More information will be included in the next Township newsletter.

Consent Agenda-

Minutes of 3/3/2014 & 3/10/2014.

Financial report & payment of bills.

Motion by EK to adopt the consent agenda as presented. Second-JR, motion carries.

Township Reports-

None

Old Business-

Fire Millage-proposed language is being prepared to be put on the August ballot for the renewal of the fire department operating millage that will include an increase from 1.5 to 1.75 mils. A special Board meeting will be scheduled to adopt the final resolution, as the next regular scheduled meeting will not be soon enough to meet the deadline for submission to the County Clerk.

New Business-

Fireworks Permit-motion by GM to approve the fireworks permit request for the Crockery Lake Association. The event will be held on July 3, 2014. Second-EK, motion carries.

Propane Contract-a proposal was received from Excel Propane for a contract. Our current supplier did not offer a contract, and the Board would prefer having a contract to secure our pricing. DB will contact them and request a proposal. Decision was tabled until they have a chance to respond.

Coopersville Foundation Grant-\$185 is available for a project at the park. Motion by TG that the request be made, and that the funds be used toward enclosing the rafters at the picnic shelter. Second-EK, motion carries.

Cemetery Maintenance-GM met with the mowing contractor to discuss some clean up projects at the cemeteries. Clean up along the boundary lines is needed in several places at McNitt and Bennett, along with removal of overgrown headstone plantings. Markers will be placed at the property corners to help define the lot lines. Big Springs will be cleaned up prior to Memorial Day and then twice more during the season. GM will follow up with the mower about getting stakes put in at property corners.

Road Projects-possible maintenance projects were discussed. GM will discuss with the County Road Commission.

Conklin Recreation-the representative was unable again to attend our meeting. We will schedule a meeting with him and present their proposals at a future meeting.

Board Member Discussion-

A newsletter will be sent in mid May with information on the Memorial Day activities.

Problems with the generator during the recent power outage was discussed. Maintenance is scheduled for later in the week.

Water will be turned on in the park on April 21 and the bathrooms will be open by the end of that week.

Announcements-

April 23-Road Commission meeting in Grand Haven

April 28-Legislative Forum at Fillmore Complex

May 1-MTA Legislative Advocacy in Lansing

Adjournment-

Motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

Janice Redding

Chester Township Clerk

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