

Osceola County Township Association
(OCTA)
Regular Meeting August 28,2017 7:00 pm
Orient Township Hall

Peggy Hoard, Secretary, called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:10 pm. Both the President and Vice-president were absent.

Roll call: Burdell-0, Cedar-0, Ewart-3, Hartwick-0, Hersey-1, Highland-0, LeRoy-0, Lincoln-0, Marion-0, Middle Branch-4, Orient-3, Osceola-1, Richmond-2, Rose Lake-0, Sherman-0, City of Ewart-3.

Peggy changed the order of the meeting and gave the floor to speaker Rick Johnson.

The Michigan Marijuana Board was formed in 2016 to deal with medical marijuana. The board consists of: Rick Johnson-Chair Senator Majority Leader nominee-General Public, Dave Lamontinee-Speaker of House nominee-Law enforcement, Don Bailey-Retired State Police-General Public, Vivian Packard-General public, Nicole Cover-Pharmacist. These are appointed by Governor. The Governor appoints chairperson.

There are 259,000 patients or care givers in Michigan. A care giver can grow for self and 5 patients, total of 72 plants, and can only sell to their own patients.

December 15, 2017 growers will have to be licensed. In order to grow you must: (1) Be insured, (2) Be bondable, (3) Financial availability, 40% of the growing cost will be electric.

Everyone involved with growing must pass a background check. Each product will have a bar code that will enable the State to track the product from growth to processing to selling. About 45% of the product today is sold in cookies.

September 12 the Board will meet in Lansing to work on the temporary rules and regulations. They are planning on having complete by the December 15th.

6% sales tax will go mostly to schools. 3% excise tax, collected at the store will be divided in the following manner: 23 million dollars will fund 1st responders, 30% will go to the county the store is located in, part of 25% will go to the township the store is located in, 5% to the local sheriff, 5% State Police, 5% to train officers.

Thanks were given to Rick for his time and information.

Minutes were read. Terry P. made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Katie 2nd the motion, all were in favor and the motion passed.

Peggy gave handouts wth the dates and times of the 2018 Tire collection-pending the Grant if acquired.

Tom Faber brought up the great need for a way the residents can dispose of electronics. He suggested that OCTA might get a grant to collect and dispose of the electronics.

Peggy stated that 2-3 people were needed for the nominating committee for the officers for 2018 year. No one volunteered. It was noted that if people could not fill the officer positions, OCTA might have to disband. No further business.

Patty made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Sarah 2nd the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Hoard, Secretary