

MIDDLE BRANCH TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

Middle Branch Township Hall

Monday, November 14, 2016 7:00 P.M.

Meeting called to order by Patrick at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance: Patrick, Sarah, Patty, Bev, & Martha

Guests acknowledged: Ron Austin, Lynne Austin, Lisa Johnson, Bob & Peggy Hoard, Kody Cooper, Diann Nowland, Shelley Scott, Jim Mort, Ted Parkhurst, Shila Kiander, Brian Hoekema

Patrick made a motion that the agenda be approved. Bev 2nd the motion. All were in favor, and it passed.

Bev made a motion that the minutes be approved as read. Sarah 2nd the motion. All were in favor, and it passed.

Treasurer's report was read. Checking--\$66,976.19, Road Millage--\$46,356.15 , First Merit Bank CD--\$35,000.00; Members First Credit Union CD--\$20,000.00; Members First Credit Union Saving-\$10.00; Total--\$168,342.34.

Bills to be Paid--Bev made a motion to pay the bills. Patrick 2nd the motion.

Payroll-#6057-6085 & Accounts Payable-#5768-5801. All were in favor, and it passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bridges--Bridges are completed, and bill was received. Patrick made a motion that the bridges be paid from road millage. Any owed over that is to come out of road budget. Sarah 2nd the motion. All were in favor, and it passed.

Blight complaint--Photos were presented regarding blight at 17139 5th Ave.

Patrick made a motion to issue a certified letter to address the blight. Martha 2nd the motion. All were in favor, and it passed.

Hiring hall registrar--Bev made a motion to hire Lisa Johnson as hall registrar and cleaner. Pat 2nd the motion. All were in favor, and it passed.

Board of Review member--tabled until next meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

Library--Shelley Scott and 2 library board members presented facts regarding Marion Library funding. Shelley explained about penal fines. Bev made a motion to sign the contract for penal fines. Patty 2nd the motion. All were in favor, and it passed.

Amend budget for trustee training--Bev made a motion to more money from supervisor training to board training to cover Ron Austin's training. Sarah 2nd the motion. All were in favor, and it passed.

Assessor report--Brian and Shila presented their accomplishments.

New officer's training--Patrick made a motion for Ron and Peggy to go to new officer training on December 15. Martha 2nd the motion. All were in favor, and it passed.

Pest control--Bev made a motion to keep the pest control for another year. Patrick 2nd the motion. All were in favor, and it passed.

Additional Business:

Patricia--Suggested people clean the sidewalks themselves when they rent the hall.

Sarah-No

Bev--Octa meeting 28th-Evart twp. hall

Martha-No

Patrick-No

Peggy--2017 tire grant paperwork has started. Trees are removed at cemetery. A shack has been discovered on township property on M-61. Martha made a motion to put a notice on the shack to remove from township property by January 1, 2017. Bev 2nd the motion. All were in favor, and it passed. Peggy also suggested having a sign on cemetery III property to identify it.

Next meeting Monday, January 9, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. at the Middle Branch Township Hall.

Meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted, Martha West, Clerk