

MIDDLE BRANCH TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Middle Branch Township Hall

Monday, May 11, 2015 7:00 P.M.

Meeting called to order by Patrick at 7:03 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Patrick made a motion to accept the agenda. Bev 2nd the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Attendance: Patrick, Sarah, Patty, Bev, & Peggy.

Guests acknowledged: Bob Hoard , & Lynn Austin

Minutes were read. Patrick made a motion to accept the minutes . Patty 2nd the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The treasurer's report was read. Checking: \$97,650.47, Road Millage \$22,936.91, CDs: \$35,000.00 & \$20,000.00, & Savings: \$10.00, Total \$175,597.38. Bev made a motion to indicate what each item is for on bills paid. Pat B. 2nd it. It is approved.

Patrick made a motion to pay the bills: PR 5899-5898 & AP 5530-5553. Bev 2nd it. All were in favor, and it was passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Peggy reported she attended the Emergency Management Meeting in Evart and the township might receive a generator for the hall from FEMA.

Sarah made a motion to keep Burnham & Flower Insurance Agency. Patrick 2nd the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Nothing has been done on 17 mile road, due to the power company installing new power poles and lines.

NEW BUSINESS:

Patrick mentioned complains on the musty smell of the hall. Nothing further was discussed.

Bev said the Music Group said the furnace wouldn't work. Peggy inquired if she had called the furnace people. She replied that she hadn't. Patrick reminded the Board that when the basement flooded the furnace was under water. Bob and Patrick went into the basement to re-set the furnace. This did make the furnace work. Peggy mentioned that when she came into the hall that the thermostat had been switched off.

Patty questioned the Johnson boy being paid to shovel the snow. It was noted he was paid \$18.00 and Patty wanted to know how much he got an hour and how many times he shoveled. Discussion followed. Patty would like the paid shoveling to be stopped. No further action taken.

A Blight complaint was discussed. A letter will be sent to Susie Nowland.

New Trustee Guide was discussed. Bev made a motion to purchase one new guide at the MTA "On The Road" meeting in June 16. Sarah 2nd the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed. Patrick said if there was room, he wanted to go.

Cushman Assessing software was discussed. The Township must purchase the software and pay the annual maintenance fee.

The new sign on the south end of the hall was discussed. The Board said they did not approve the purchase. Peggy was under the impression they had approved it and the new phone number on the cemetery signs. No further action taken.

Patrick brought it to the boards attention that the Eagles would like a list of all the people buried in the Cemeteries. Peggy said this would take a long time. If she could have the date the Eagles was established it would be easier, or a list of the deceased Eagle members. Patrick will talk with Ray Bergey to solve this.

Bob wanted to know if the Board wanted him to seal the foundation on the south end of the hall, where the snakes are coming and going. Patrick told him to do so.

Bob asked the Board if they wanted him to place a painted board on the wall in the office to hold the pencil sharpener that has fallen off. Patrick told him to do so.

Patrick brought it to the Boards attention that Ray Bergey and Brian Hokema have found the Township property on 10th Ave. has a locked gate blocking entry. They have had a complaint that there is a building on the Township Property and as Board of Review staff, they need to check it out. Patrick told them to break the lock and check it out. They will report their findings to Patrick.

Peggy showed brochures of outdoor bulletin boards. Bev made a motion to purchase from DISPLAYS2GO the 24.5" x 18.5" Enclosed Bulletin Board for outdoor use with locking door in silver color for \$149.59 plus shipping.

Peggy reported the water was turned on at the cemeteries & water jugs filled.

Bev will drive to OCTA May 18 and to MTA meeting June 16.

Bev said she would work Rubbish Day on June 13th. Patrick made a motion that Bev work Rubbish Day. Sarah 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Additional Business: None

Next meeting Monday July 14, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. at the Middle Branch Township Hall.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Peggy Hoard, Deputy Clerk