

Minutes

The regular meeting of the Port Sheldon Township Board held on Thursday, August 11, 2016 at 6 p.m. **PRESENT:** Howard Baumann, Esther Van Slooten, Kathy Van Voorst, Bill Monhollon and Gerald Smith. In addition, present, Attorney Ron Bultje, Fire Chief Kevin McNutt, and 11 township residents. Gerald Smith offered an invocation. Motion made by Smith **to approve the agenda**, supported by Monhollon and carried.

Consent agenda:

To approve the minutes of July 14, 2016.

To accept the financial report.

To accept the correspondence

Petition for sign at Crosswell and 146th.

Committee Reports

Building: June; 7 permits, July 12 permits 2 new homes.

Fire Department: The Fire Department responded to 30 calls, held 2 meetings in July.

Motion made by Smith **to approve the consent agenda**, supported by Van Slooten and carried.

At 6:10 p.m. Supervisor Baumann opened a public hearing to hear a request of Eugene B. Hiddinga Living Trust for variances from Private Road Ordinance #41, Sections 1.03A, 103G, 104A, 1.04C and 1.04E for the existing private road "Ten Hagen Drive" from Ten Hagen Creek East.

Jon Van Allsburg indicated the difficulty was the property was developed prior to the ordinance was adoption. Chad Dalecke wondered if the center of cul de sac would be on his property line. Mrs. Don Spruit indicated the Ten Hagen Creek has had recent erosion. Tom Lawrence questioned the square footage of the property. The property in question is in a residential zone and can be a ½ acre. The intent is to make two one acre lots to accommodate the septic setbacks. Ralph Fairbanks was concerned about the maintenance on the road, as previous owner did not contribute.

Motion made by Smith **to close public hearing**, supported by Van Slooten and carried.

Motion made by Monhollon, supported by Smith, **to grant a variance for an additional (ninth) lot on the private road, per the request of the Eugene B. Hiddinga Living Trust, based upon a consideration of the factors in Section 1.08 of the Private Road Ordinance. Baumann noted that the additional lot and the remainder lot would each be approximately one acre in area, which is twice the minimum size required by the Zoning Ordinance. The private road may continue to exist with a 20 feet wide easement, and the existing bridge may remain its current width. However, a condition of the variance is that from the bridge to the new lot and continuing to the required turnaround of the private road, the private road will be required to be a minimum of 16 feet wide, and the turnaround will be required to have a radius of 40 feet and a diameter of 80 feet in width. The construction of the private road must comply with the requirements of Section 1.04.E of the Private Road Ordinance, and a private road maintenance agreement must be prepared, executed, and recorded with the Register of Deeds per Section 1.05 of the Private Road Ordinance.** The motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Van Slooten **to enter into a contract between Ottawa County and Port Sheldon Township for water systems operations in Sheldon Dunes.** Motion supported by Smith with five yes roll call votes.

Motion made by Monhollon **to approve the request from the Ottawa Area Intermediate School District to use the Township Hall in the event of an emergency.** Motion supported by Smith and carried.

Motion made by Van Slooten **to approve the request from our Township assessor to enter into an agreement with Jack Van Koevering to provide legal services for the Township in the Consumers Energy Appeal.** Motion supported by Monhollon and carried with five yes roll call votes.

Motion made by Smith **to approve expenses for township board members who wish to attend a fall M.T.A. regional meeting.** Motion supported by Van Slooten and carried.

Motion made by Van Slooten **to pay bills**, supported by Smith and carried.

Discussion:

Meeting adjourned 7:10 p.m.

Kathy Van Voorst, Clerk