

Minutes

The regular meeting of the Port Sheldon Township Board held on Thursday, January 12, 2017 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 49 township residents. Gerald Smith offered an invocation. Motion made by Monhollon **to approve the agenda** supported by Smith and carried.

Consent agenda:

To approve the minutes of December 8, 2016 meeting.

To accept the financial report.

To accept the correspondence

None

Committee Reports

Building: In December 5 permits were issued with 1 new house start.

Fire Department: The Fire Department responded to 24 calls and held 2 meetings in December.

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

Motion by Smith **to open public hearing to consider a resolution to determine the necessity of Pigeon Lake maintenance and improvements and hear any objections to designate a Special Assessment District.** Motion supported by Van Slooten and carried.

Letters were read from Dan and Jaclyn Hansen, Robert Hilarides, Ann and Bill Heaphy, and Robert Isacksen seeking more information prior to offering support of the S.A.D.

A letter from Paul Nawrocki not supporting the S.A.D. was read.

Supervisor Baumann explained this request for a S.A.D

Comments:

Richard Welch, 16958 Lake Ave. supported the project after some details were explained.

Curt and Vicki Carini 7280 Lakeshore Ave. were neutral on the project at this point.

Tom Speet 17033 Lake Ave explained the doubling for weeds each year. In support.

Jaimee Conroy Environmental Scientist explained and answered question regarding the weed control program.

Bart Bale, 16887 Lake Ave. initiated petitions and was in support because of need.

Linda and Jim Highstreet, 17133 Lake Ave. interested in what is causing and time is of the essence to get started.

Dave Randall, 17317 Ottawa Trail, agrees in the need for the weed control.

Consumers Spokesman Rich Houtteman clarified Consumers Energy operations is not dependent on weed control but is in support of the measure.

Bill Rowden, 17036 Lake Ave. is in favor of this good project.

Ralph Fairbanks, 16701 Ten Hagen Dr. is in favor of project but would like the area defined.

President of Mountain Beach Association Bill Kellogg suggested the possibility of Association participation.

Jeremy Shoemaker 17219 Lake Ave indicated he felt it was a good idea.

Mary Petry 17079 Lake Ave. wanted more specific information before the SAD would be implemented.

Shari Bartz-Smith, 7227 Lakeshore Ave. supported the SAD because of the increasing weed problem.

Jackie Hansen 7227 Glenwood Ave. may now be in support after hearing information.

Dan Petry 17079 Lake Ave. had question on how to fairly assess.

John Hamberg 17354 Woodlawn recognized the need.

Dawn Kragt, 17285 Ottawa Trail supported the SAD because of the need.

7:40 p.m. Motion by Monhollon **to close public hearing**, supported by Van Slooten and carried.

Motion by Van Slooten **to adopt a resolution that determines to complete improvements consisting of monitoring, improving and maintaining the quality of water in Pigeon Lake, the petitions for the improvement are sufficient and determines the parcels of land included in the S.A.D.** Motion supported by Smith and carried with five yes roll call votes.

Motion by Smith **to ask for a request for proposals for weed control from three different companies.** Motion supported by Monhollon and carried with five yes roll call votes.

Motion by Van Slooten **to agree to collect 2017 summer taxes for Grand Haven Schools.** Motion supported by Smith and carried.

Motion by Smith **to approve proposal from Prein and Newhof to do a topographical survey of Windsnest Park.** Motion supported by Van Voorst and carried

A request from John De Leeuw to grant an easement on Township property for ingress, egress and utilities in Postma's Subdivision No. 2 was considered. Robert and Mary Tennant were concerned about the location and the improvements to an already existing/non existing road and if it may also be on their property. Dawn and Prep Kragt indicated the road was there for many years. After much discussion Attorney Ron Bultje said the next appropriate step would be for De Leeuw to make a monetary offer before anything may be considered.

Discussion: Operation of a business on New Holland Street.

Motion by Van Slooten **to approve estimate of engineering expert J. Whipple for Consumers Energy asset valuation support services.** Motion supported by Smith and carried with five yes roll call votes.

Motion by Smith **to approve the draft cost sharing agreement, received from Attorney Jack Van Coevering, as revised by the Township Supervisor and the Township Attorney to remove the one percent administrative fee and to include the other taxing authorities willing to enter into the cost sharing agreement; and to authorize the Township Supervisor to execute the finalized cost sharing agreement.** Motion supported by Van Slooten and carried

Motion made to **approve an employment agreement with Eric Davis and authorize the Supervisor to sign.** Motion supported Van Slooten and carried.

Motion made by Van Slooten **to adopt a resolution setting the Annual meeting for March 29 at 6 p.m.** supported by Van Voorst and carried.

Motion by Smith **to adopt a poverty guideline resolution including the federal poverty income standards for 2017 assessments.** Motion supported by Monhollon and carried with five yes roll call votes.

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

Meeting adjourned 9:20 p.m.

Kathy Van Voorst, Clerk