

Minutes

The regular meeting of the Port Sheldon Township Board was held on Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. **PRESENT:** Esther Van Slooten, Teresa De Graaf, Howard Baumann, Bill Monhollon and Gerald Smith. Also present: Attorney Ron Bultje, Fire Chief Brad Dirkse, Jordan Chrispell of the Sierra Club, Ottawa County Water Resources Commissioner, Joe Bush, several local visitors and nine township residents.

Teresa De Graaf offered an invocation.

Motion by Smith **to approve the agenda with the addition of negligent burning discussion.** Supported by Monhollon and carried.

Consent agenda:

To approve the minutes of the April 12, 2018 regular meeting.

To accept the financial report.

Correspondence: a letter from Esther Van Slooten announcing her retirement from her position as township treasurer, effective September 1, 2018.

Committee Report:

- Building: March report includes seventeen permits issued with two new house starts. April report includes sixteen permits with seven new house starts
- Fire Department: thirty calls and two meetings.

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

Motion by Smith **to accept the recommendation of Fire Chief, Brad Dirkse, and appoint John Zwiers to the position of Firefighter with probationary status.** Supported by De Graaf and carried.

Motion by Smith **to accept, with regrets, the resignation of Esther Van Slooten, township treasurer, as rendered.** Supported by Monhollon and carried.

Ottawa County Water Resources Commissioner, Joe Bush, gave an update on the Hiawatha Drain and the positive impact it has made on the environment. He also provided insight, for informational purposes only, on a dispute between property owners regarding water stoppage. Joe also provided an update on the Harlem Drain and information regarding tree trimming effects on county ditches and drains.

Motion by Monhollon **to adopt the May 11, 2018 draft of the 2018 Restated Cemetery Ordinance.** Supported by Smith and carried with five yes roll call votes.

Motion by Van Slooten **to contribute \$1,000 per the request from Michigan Township Association to help defray legal cost in MENARD INC. V CITY OF ESCANABA "DARK STORE" LITIGATION.** Supported by Smith and carried with five yes roll call votes.

Motion by Monhollon **to approve an expenditure of \$500 to assist the Clifford Volunteer Fire Department in titling the 1997 Ford Rescue Truck sold to them in 2017.** Supported by Smith and carried with five yes roll call votes.

Discussion:

- Letter and property discussion pertaining to the Peck/Boy Scout land use.
- Negligent burning discussion. Possible communication to educate residents. Fire Chief to poll neighboring townships and gather information regarding ordinances/fine schedule if applicable.

Motion by Van Slooten **to pay the bills.** Supported by Smith and carried.

Public Comment: None

Motion by Monhollon **to adjourn.** Supported by Smith and carried.

Meeting adjourned 7:07 p.m.

Teresa De Graaf, Clerk