

ATTICA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

September 14, 2017

Nancy Herpolsheimer, Clerk

At a meeting of the Attica Township Board held September 14, 2017, at the Attica Township Hall, 4350 Peppermill Road, Attica, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Supervisor Ochadleus. PRESENT: Supervisor Al Ochadleus, Treasurer Pam Mason, Clerk Nancy Herpolsheimer, Trustee Phil Madeline and Trustee Rich Lacey. Absent: None. ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Mike Gildner and the public per the sign-in sheet attached.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Ochadleus.

ACCEPT AGENDA:

Supervisor Ochadleus added item number 2. Museum Status under New Business and number 7. October Board Meeting under Old Business.

MOTION by Mason, seconded by Herpolsheimer, to accept the agenda as amended to add item number 2. Museum Status under New Business and item number 7. October Board Meeting under Old Business. A vote was taken. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

REVIEW MINUTES:

The minutes of the August 10, 2017 regular Board meeting were reviewed by the Board; and there being no additions, corrections or deletions;

MOTION by Lacey, seconded by Mason, to approve the August 10, 2017 regular Board meeting minutes as presented. A vote was taken. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk Herpolsheimer read a thank you note received from the Lapeer County Genealogical Society thanking Museum Curator Janet O'Donnell for hosting them for a tour of the Attica Museum. The society also donated \$25.00 to the museum.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Mason gave the following Treasurer's Report: General Fund Beginning Balance of \$318,769.05 receipts of \$20,525.67; Interest of \$135.52; Distributions of \$63,600.09 for a New Balance of \$275,830.15; General Fund CDARS savings account has \$202,735.01; General Fund ICS has \$300,040.41; Public Safety has \$13,754.07; Public Safety CDARS Savings account has \$50,683.75; Public Safety ICS has \$50,006.72; Fire Millage has \$26,283.02; Fire Millage CDARS Savings account has \$50,683.75; Fire Millage ICS has \$50,006.72; Fire Escrow has \$1,500.79; Fire Escrow CDARS Savings account has \$50,683.75; Fire Millage ICS has \$80,014.37.

MOTION by Lacey seconded by Madeline to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. A vote was taken. Ayes: All; Nays: None. Absent: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

POLICE REPORT: Deputy Barrett gave the following police report: there were 194 calls in the month of August with 96 of the calls handled by the Township deputies.

PUBLIC TIME:

Attica Baseball Director Ryan Weber thanked the township board for allowing the soft ball fund raiser for Attica Youth Sports and informed the board that \$4,000.00 was raised at the fund raiser. Mr. Weber also stated that Attica Youth Sports have made the decision to provide at least 12 volunteers for Attica Days and also asked for permission to rent the township hall to hold a garage sale to raise money for Attica Youth Sports.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Fire Truck Loan:** Supervisor Ochadleus stated that Attorney Gildner drafted the paperwork needed to obtain a loan for the new fire truck from Lakestone Bank and Trust.
2. **Museum Status:** Supervisor Ochadleus distributed an architectural drawing of the museum expansion and reviewed the drawing. Supervisor Ochadleus directed the board to review the drawing before it is put out for bid.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Reappoint Mark Ochadleus and Dave Penzien to the Planning Commission:**

MOTION by Herpolsheimer seconded by Mason to reappoint Mark Ochadleus and Dave Penzien, each to a three year term expiring March 31, 2020, on the Attica Township Planning Commission. A vote was taken. Ayes: All; Nays: None. Absent: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. **Reappoint Bill Winslow to the Zoning Board of Appeals:**

MOTION by Mason seconded by Herpolsheimer to reappoint Bill J. Winslow, to a three year term expiring March 31, 2020, on the Attica Township Zoning Board of Appeals. A vote was taken. Ayes: All; Nays: None. Absent: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. **Credit Card Resolution:**

Clerk Herpolsheimer stated that the township auditors recommended the township adopt a credit card resolution. There was discussion regarding the policy and Attica Day's process of handling funds.

MOTION by Herpolsheimer seconded by Mason to adopt the attached Credit Card Resolution (Resolution #2017-04) as recommended by the township auditors. A roll call vote was taken. Mason: Aye; Ochadleus: Aye; Lacey: Aye; Madeline: Aye and Herpolsheimer: Ayes: All; Nays: None. Absent: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

4. **Township Planner:**

Supervisor Ochadleus stated that he and Planning Coordinators Lemons and Schultz had a meeting with Planner Mark Lloyd to discuss current items pertaining to planning. At this meeting Supervisor Ochadleus informed Planner Lloyd that terminating the township's relationship with Giffells/Webster, due to their cost, was on the board's September 14th agenda. Giffells/Webster offered only a \$100.00 per month reduction in the retainer charge in an effort to keep the township's business. Supervisor Ochadleus went on to state that he has contacted Imlay Township and Dryden Township and they are both happy with Rowe Professional Planners.

MOTION by Lacey seconded by Mason to terminate the relationship with Giffells Webster Professional Planner, effective December 1, 2017 as recommended by the Planning Administrators and Township Supervisor. A roll call vote was taken. Herpolsheimer: Aye; Mason: Aye; Madeline: Aye, Ochadleus: Aye and Lacey: Aye. Ayes: All; Nays: None. Absent: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Lacey seconded by Mason to amend the previous motion to include **and to hire Rowe Professional Services Community Planner effective October 1, 2017 to serve as Attica Township's Professional Planner** as recommended by the Planning Administrators and Township Supervisor. A roll call vote was taken. Ochadleus: Aye; Lacey: Aye; Madeline: Aye; Mason: Aye and Herpolsheimer: Aye. Ayes: All; Nays: None. Absent: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

5. **Amend Section 5.13.6 of the Zoning Ordinance modifying the existing ordinance by increasing the minimum width of a private drive from 30 feet to 40 feet.**

Supervisor Ochadleus reviewed the ordinance amendment.

MOTION by Lacey seconded by Mason to amend Section 5.13.6 of the Zoning Ordinance modifying the existing ordinance by increasing the minimum width of a private drive from 30 feet to 40 feet (amendment attached) as recommended by the Planning Commission. A vote was taken. Ayes: All; Nays: None. Absent: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

6. **MTA Banquet:**

There was discussion regarding the MTA Banquet.

MOTION by Herpolsheimer seconded by Mason to allow township board members and department heads and their significant others to attend the Lapeer County Chapter Michigan Township Association Banquet on October 21, 2017 at a cost of \$25.00 per person. A roll call vote was taken. Madeline: Aye; Lacey: Aye; Ochadleus: Aye; Mason: Aye and Herpolsheimer: Aye. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

7. **October Board Meeting:**

There was discussion regarding changing the October board meeting due to Treasurer Mason being on vacation on October 12th and it was decided not to change the meeting date.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. FIRE: None.
2. PARK: Park Manager Madeline stated that the walking track in the park is still getting a lot of usage. There was discussion regarding graffiti on the large rock in the park.
3. PLANNING COMMISSION: Planning Administrator Maureen Lemons reported:
 - a) A Public Hearing for Simpson Attica Properties will be held at the September Planning Commission meeting.
 - b) Hopefully a Public Hearing for non-conforming structures will be set at the September meeting.
 - c) Nautical Ventures is preparing a Special Land Use site plan.
 - d) Dollar General purchased land and plans to build a store in Attica Township. There was discussion.
4. ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Gildner reported that he was directed to take enforcement action against five or six properties for blight and discussed the cases.
5. AMBULANCE: Supervisor Ochadleus discussed the law suit against the Lapeer County E.M.S. There was discussion. Supervisor Ochadleus informed the board of an incident in which a resident requested Lapeer County E.M.S. be sent for a medical emergency and Medstar was sent.
6. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Commissioner Jarvis reported:
 - a) The Vietnam Veteran's gala dinner will be held in October.

- b) The Michigan Vietnam Traveling Wall, with 2,661 Michigan names on it, will be displayed October 20th and October 21st at the North Branch Wesleyan Church.
 - c) Gallery 194 in Lapeer will be displaying the work of Michigan artists who use Community Mental Health Services. The art show will be September 21st from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
 - d) The Red Room Social Club's Semicolon Fundraiser will be held October 6th – October 8th from noon to 8 p.m.
 - e) There will be a Suicide Awareness Rally on October 7th at 11 a.m. at the Historic Courthouse in Lapeer.
 - f) The Valley Area Agency on Aging and Mott Community College are partnering to offer free dental health cleanings for seniors at Mott Community College Dental Hygiene Clinic.
7. Board: Supervisor Ochadleus had a question regarding the Treasurer's report verses the bills. There was discussion.
8. Public Time: Resident Bill J. Winslow stated that he has been working with a medical transportation company in Imlay City that receives calls for residents in Attica Township. Mr. Winslow went on to state that there is a huge need for transportation in our area and requested the board consider becoming a part of the GLTA bus service. There was discussion and Supervisor Ochadleus will follow up on this and report back to the board.

REVIEWING AND PAYING BILLS:

The bills were reviewed by the Board for the General Fund for the amount of \$57,004.67 (check #18968 through check #19063); Public Safety for the amount of \$10,298.01 (check #1231) and the Fire Fund for the amount of \$6,928.91 (check #4632 through check #4656). For a total of \$72,231.59. There being no further questions:

MOTION by Lacey seconded by Madeline to approve the bills as presented. A roll call vote was taken. Ochadleus: Aye; Herpolsheimer: Aye; Madeline: Aye; Mason: Aye and Lacey: Aye. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

There being no further business before the Board, **MOTION** by Lacey seconded by Madeline to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. A vote was taken. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Submitted by:

Respectfully Submitted by:

Valerie Schultz, Deputy Clerk

Nancy Herpolsheimer, Clerk