

MINUTES OF THE ATTICA TOWNSHIP BOARD

Held on June 9th, 2011
Nancy Herpolsheimer, Clerk

At a meeting of the Attica Township Board held on June 9th, 2011, at the Attica Township Hall, 4350 Peppermill Road, Attica, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Supervisor Ochadleus. PRESENT: Supervisor Al Ochadleus, Treasurer Pam Mason, Trustee Phil Madeline and Trustee Richard Lacey. ABSENT: Clerk Nancy Herpolsheimer. ALSO PRESENT: The public per the Sign-In Sheet attached.

The minutes of the May 10th, 2011 regular Board meeting were reviewed by the Board; and there being no additions, corrections or deletions;

MOTION by Madeline, seconded by Lacey to approve the May 10th, 2011 Attica Township Board minutes as presented. A vote was taken. Ayes: All; Nays: None. Absent: One (Herpolsheimer). **MOTION CARRIED.**

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Ochadleus stated that Geary Priehs of the Lapeer County Road Commission submitted a letter informing the Board of his retirement. Supervisor Ochadleus stated that Mr. Priehs has been a good friend to Attica Township and has done a wonderful job. John Smiljanich will assume the duties of Imlay District Foreman.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Mason gave the following Treasurer's Report: General Fund Beginning Balance of \$490,788.68 receipts of \$87,466.50; Interest of \$90.21; Distributions of \$100,721.20 for a New Balance of \$477,624.19. Public Safety has \$156,421.90; Fire Millage has \$107,835.17 Fire Department Escrow has \$54,823.11 and there is \$1,406.40 in the Lake George Road Special Assessment account. Trustee Lacey pointed out that the \$9,455.22 Police Expense was listed under Public Safety and General Fund. This was a typographical error and did not affect the total balances as it was only subtracted from the correct fund (Public Safety).

MOTION by Lacey, seconded by Madeline to approve the Treasurer's Report as amended. A vote was taken. Ayes: All; Nays: None. Absent: One (Herpolsheimer). **MOTION CARRIED.**

POLICE REPORT: Supervisor Ochadleus gave the following police report: there were 205 calls in the month of May with 129 of the calls handled by the Township deputies. There were 86 traffic stops.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Attica Card Club

Resident Earl Madeline proposed using the Township meeting room for a card club for residents on Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

MOTION by Mason, seconded by Madeline to authorize the use of the Township conference room for a card club on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. A vote was taken. Ayes: All; Nays: None. Absent: One (Herpolsheimer). **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Cemetery Contract

The existing contract with Bill Winslow for closing and opening graves and mowing at the cemetery expired. Bill Winslow submitted a new contract and Supervisor Ochadleus stated he changed the expiration date to January 1st, 2012. The new contract will be voted on at that time.

3. Blight

Supervisor Ochadleus reported that there is significant blight at 3235 Greenwood. There appears to be junk cars, trucks and semis. The property owner owns a repair shop in Lapeer and appears to be using property for overflow junk from his business. The Township Board decided to turn it over to the blight officer and Attorney Gildner to follow legal steps.

4. Request by Clerk for Transfers for Budget

MOTION by Lacey seconded by Madeline to transfer \$6,000.00 to the Township Miscellaneous Account, \$1,000.00 to the Museum Account, \$900.00 to the Street Light Account, \$2,000.00 to the General Office Account, \$2,500.00 to the Park Account and \$4,650.00 to the Insurance Account for a total of \$17,050.00 from the Contingency Fund as requested by Clerk Herpolsheimer. A roll call vote was taken. Madeline: Aye; Lacey: Aye; Mason: Aye and Ochadleus: Aye. Ayes: All; Nays: None. Absent: One (Herpolsheimer). **MOTION CARRIED.**

5. Museum Report

Museum Curator Janet O'Donnell reported that she attended a museum workshop and met with other curators of small museums. Curator O'Donnell asked the Board to consider purchasing Past Perfect software to be used to catalog and archive everything in the museum. The price of the software is \$900. Supervisor Ochadleus suggested meeting with Bob Gottschalk regarding the compatibility of the software with the museum computer. Curator O'Donnell also suggested purchasing a video camera to record interviews with Attica residents who are 70 years old or older. Curator O'Donnell is looking into applying for grants for the museum.

6. Approve Budget for July 1st, 2011 to June 30th, 2012

MOTION by Madeline seconded by Lacey to approve the 2011-2012 Budget as presented at the May 12th, 2011 Attica Township Board meeting. A roll call vote was taken. Madeline: Aye; Mason: Aye; Lacey: Aye and Ochadleus: Aye. Ayes: All; Nays: None. Absent: One (Herpolsheimer). **MOTION CARRIED.**

7. Request by Clerk to attend Clerk's Conference

Clerk Herpolsheimer requested authorization to attend the Michigan Municipal Clerks Conference at Shanty Creek Resort in Bellaire, Michigan.

MOTION by Mason seconded by Madeline to authorize Clerk Herpolsheimer to attend the Michigan Municipal Clerk's Conference June 21st – June 24th at a cost not to exceed \$900.00. A roll call vote was taken. Madeline: Aye; Ochadleus:

Aye; Mason: Aye and Lacey: Aye. Ayes: All; Nays: None.
Absent: One (Herpolsheimer). **MOTION CARRIED.**

OLD BUSINESS: None.
COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. FIRE: None.
2. PARK: Park Manager Phil Madeline reported that tree roots are lifting the track at the back of the park and the backstop is heaving due to roots, he would like to cut the roots. Trustee Lacey suggested calling MSU Extension service to see what impact cutting the roots would have on the pine trees and Supervisor Ochadleus suggested contacting Prieh's asphalt company to look at it.
3. PLANNING COMMISSION: Planning Commission Secretary Bud Fackler reported that there have been many complaints regarding uncut grass and suggested creating a grass cutting ordinance. There was discussion. Supervisor Ochadleus and Planning Commissioner Fackler will meet with Attorney Gildner to resolve this issue.
4. ATTORNEY REPORT: None.
5. AMBULANCE: None.
6. CEMETERY: None.
7. COMMISSIONER REPORT: None.
8. BOARD: None.
9. PUBLIC: None.

REVIEWING AND PAYING BILLS:

The bills were reviewed by the Board for the General Fund for the amount of \$97,021.91; Public Safety for the amount of \$9,553.92 and for the Fire Fund for the amount of \$12,715.92 and there being no questions:

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

There being no further business before the Board, **MOTION** by Lacey seconded by Madeline to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. A vote was taken. Ayes: All. Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Submitted by:

Respectfully Submitted By:

Valerie Schultz, Recording Secretary

Nancy Herpolsheimer, Clerk

