

MINUTES OF THE ATTICA TOWNSHIP BOARD

Held on July 14th, 2011
Nancy Herpolsheimer, Clerk

At a meeting of the Attica Township Board held on July 14th, 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, Clerk Nancy Herpolsheimer, Trustee Phil Madeline and Trustee Richard Lacey. ABSENT: None. ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Gildner and the public per the Sign-In Sheet attached.

The minutes of the June 9th, 2011 regular Board meeting and the minutes of the July 28th special Board meeting. were reviewed by the Board; and there being no additions, corrections or deletions;

MOTION by Lacey, seconded by Madeline to approve the June 9th, 2011 Attica Township Board minutes and the July 28th Attica Township Board minutes as presented. A vote was taken. Ayes: All; Nays: None. Absent: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Ochadleus stated that he received a thank you note from a resident for taking care of a water problem. Supervisor Ochadleus credited Drain Commissioner John Freeman and his staff for the outstanding job they did in alleviating the water problem.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Mason gave the following Treasurer's Report: General Fund Beginning Balance of \$477,624.19 receipts of \$9,295.42; Interest of \$76.30; Distributions of \$39,636.00 for a New Balance of \$447,359.91. Public Safety has \$146,104.18; Fire Millage has \$95,770.57 Fire Department Escrow has \$54,823.11 and there is \$2,417.86 in the Lake George Road Special Assessment account.

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: Supervisor Ochadleus gave the following police report: there were 210 calls in the month of June with 123 of the calls handled by the Township deputies.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mileage Rate

Clerk Herpolsheimer suggested following the Federal guidelines for mileage reimbursement.

MOTION by Madeline, seconded by Lacey to follow Federal guidelines for mileage reimbursement. A roll call vote was taken. Lacey: Aye; Ochadleus: Aye; Madeline: Aye; Mason: Aye and Herpolsheimer: Aye. Ayes: All; Nays: None. Absent: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Cemetery Signs

Clerk Herpolsheimer discussed purchasing signs for the cemetery to designate sections. There was discussion.

3. Cemetery Management Software

Clerk Herpolsheimer requested the purchase of software for a computerized cemetery program. Supervisor Ochadleus reported that himself, Clerk Herpolsheimer, Deputy Clerk Schultz and Receptionist Lemons visited Dryden Township's office to observe how the program operates and stated that it does fit the needs of Attica Township. There was discussion regarding utilizing the program. Resident, and past treasurer, Earl Madeline will oversee the program to make sure it is being used. Clerk Herpolsheimer, Deputy Clerk Schultz, Deputy Treasurer Tietz and Receptionist Lemons will be responsible for entering data and there will no additional charges by the employees for entering the data. There was lengthy discussion.

MOTION by Madeline, seconded by Lacey to purchase Pontem Cemetery Software at a cost of \$3,835.00 with one year of support with the understanding that the data will be entered by Attica Township employees at no additional charge. A roll call vote was taken. Madeline: Aye; Mason: Aye; Herpolsheimer: Aye; Lacey: Aye and Ochadleus: Aye. Ayes: All; Nays: None. Absent: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

4. Public Safety/Playground Equipment

Supervisor Ochadleus stated that the Attica Township Park playground equipment is outdated and unsafe and asked Attorney Gildner's opinion regarding using Public Safety funds to purchase new equipment. Attorney Gildner stated that the Public Safety Millage language is vague enough that in his opinion the Township may use Public Safety funds to purchase playground equipment. There was discussion and Supervisor Ochadleus suggested having the Planning Commission look into the possibility of purchasing playground equipment with Public Safety funds.

5. Gravel Pit Legislation

There was brief discussion regarding recent gravel pit legislation which was passed by the House of Representatives.

6. Moratorium on Medical Marijuana

The Planning Commission recommended the Township Board issue a six month moratorium on medical marijuana. There was discussion.

MOTION by Madeline seconded by Lacey to adopt a six month moratorium on medical marijuana establishments. A vote was taken. Ayes: All; Nays: None. Absent: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. FIRE: Chief Warford reported:

- a) There were 6 fire runs since June's Board meeting including responding to

the drowning of a child, the rescue of a father and son on Elk Lake and a motorcycle accident.

b) The Lapeer County Stress Team came to the Fire Department two days after the child's drowning to assist fire fighters.

c) The Fire Department sold 200 raffle tickets though a raffle supported by The Lumberjack Shack and earned a rescue chain saw, and one purchaser of a raffle ticket also won a chain saw.

d) The Fire Department is hosting the County Fire Association Dinner on September 28th and the Township Board members are invited to attend.

2. PARK: Park Manager Phil Madeline reported that an emergency purchase of a replacement sprayer was necessary to maintain the park. The price of the sprayer was \$249.99.

3. PLANNING COMMISSION: Planning Commission Secretary Bud Fackler reported:

a) The Planning Commission recommended the moratorium on medical marijuana establishments.

b) The Procedural Manual is now available on the Attica Township web site.

c) A grass cutting ordinance is being discussed.

d) There is a blight situation on Greenwood and Attorney Gildner and Secretary Fackler have sent letters to the property owner. The owner has asked for 30 days to take care of the blight. Secretary Fackler, Supervisor Ochadleus and Attorney Gildner will physically inspect the property in 30 days.

4. ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Gildner reported:

a) Several letters have been written on behalf of the Township since the last meeting.

b) The land lease agreement and the park policies document are in the process of being completed.

5. AMBULANCE: None.

6. CEMETERY: None.

7. COMMISSIONER REPORT: Commissioner Jarvis reported that there has been very little on the commissioner's agendas and that they are waiting for department heads to come back with budget numbers.

8. BOARD: Supervisor Ochadleus advised the Board that Kent Gierman is the new chairperson of the ZBA.

9. PUBLIC: None.

REVIEWING AND PAYING BILLS:

The bills were reviewed by the Board for the General Fund for the amount of \$41,588.33: Public Safety for the amount of \$1,584.49 and for the Fire Fund for the amount of \$6,274.13 and there being no questions:

MOTION by Lacey, seconded by Madeline to approve the bills as presented. A roll call vote was taken. Herpolsheimer: Aye; Mason: Aye; Madeline: Aye; Lacey: Aye and Ochadleus: 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 7:50 p.m. A vote was taken. Ayes: All. Nays: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

Submitted by:

Respectfully Submitted By:

Valerie Schultz, Recording Secretary

Nancy Herpolsheimer, Clerk