

ATTICA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

September 8, 2016

Nancy Herpolsheimer, Clerk

At a meeting of the Attica Township Board held September 8, 2016, 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, Trustee Rich Lacey and Trustee Phil Madeline. Absent: Clerk Nancy Herpolsheimer. ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Gildner and the public per the sign-in sheet attached.

Pledge of allegiance led by Chief Warford.

REVIEW MINUTES:

The minutes of the August 11, 2016 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 11, 2016 regular Board meeting minutes as presented. A vote was taken. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: One (Herpolsheimer). **MOTION CARRIED.**

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Mason gave the following Treasurer's Report: General Fund Beginning Balance of \$448,621.40 receipts of \$14,177.01; Interest of \$36.58; Distributions of \$49,318.59 for a New Balance of \$413,516.40; General Fund CDARS savings account has \$202,216.94. Public Safety has \$51,866.04; Public Safety CDARS Savings account has \$50,554.21; Fire Millage has \$60,694.36; Fire Millage CDARS Savings account has \$50,554.21; Fire Escrow has \$80,911.83; Fire Escrow CDARS Savings account has \$50,554.21.

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

POLICE REPORT: Deputy Barrett gave the following police report: there were 224 calls in August with 111 of those calls handled by the township deputies.

PUBLIC TIME: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Museum:** Supervisor Ochadleus gave an update on the status of the proposed museum expansion. He has looked at the Masonic Temple in Attica as a possible site for the museum but would not recommend purchasing it and he is looking for a contractor to renovate the present museum at a reasonable price.

2. **Township Hall Restrooms:** Supervisor Ochadleus gave an update on the renovation of the township hall restrooms.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Judge Holowka:** Judge Holowka introduced himself, and gave a history of his career, and types of cases he hears and stated that he is on the ballot running for reelection and asked for support.
2. **Approval of Sharing Master Plan Update with Neighboring Communities for Review:**

MOTION by Lacey, seconded by Madeline, to share the draft of the Master Plan Update with neighboring communities and other relevant utilities and agencies for a 42 day review period. A vote was taken. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: One (Herpolsheimer). **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. **Ordinance Enforcement (Blight/Weeds/etc.):** Supervisor Ochadleus stated that there has been numerous blight complaints this spring and summer. A manageable system needs to be put in place to manage the considerable blight in the township. Attorney Gildner stated that Imlay Township hired a retired county deputy to handle blight and suggested hiring someone like him. Supervisor Ochadleus will call Imlay Township's blight officer and discuss the position with him. There was discussion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **FIRE:** Chief Warford reported:
 - a) There were seven runs in the month of August including a pole barn on Saddle Lane which resulted in \$240,000.00 in damage.
 - b) He visited Dave Hull, of 4120 Hunters Creek Road, because there was a report to DEQ that he was burning solvent in brush. Mr. Hull told Chief Warford that this is a neighbor dispute and he is not burning solvent. He has not received the letter from the DEQ.
 - c) He met with a company that runs an online burning permit site. He distributed information regarding the site and reviewed it. There is a \$100.00 set up fee and \$25.00 yearly fee. Chief Warford feels it is manageable and a good way to manage the burn permits since central dispatch will not receive burn permits after September 31st.
2. **Park:** Park Manager Madeline reported:
 - a) Everything is quiet.

3. PLANNING COMMISSION: Planning Commission Secretary Maureen Lemons reported:
 - a) She spoke with Greg Eastin about a possible date for a meeting with the township planner and attorney. Supervisor Ochadleus discussed the history of Mr. Eastin's Special Land Use.
 - b) Mike Carpenter of Rowe Engineering picked up the Barrett Gravel Pit drawings to review. Supervisor Ochadleus discussed this.
 - c) Mike Carpenter of Rowe Engineering is going to do the yearly assessment of Starr's Gravel Pit in the next few weeks.
 - d) There are three ZBA's on the horizon.
4. ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Gildner reported:
 - a) At the board's direction he filed a lawsuit against Dale Ogle of Oakres, LLC, 5170 Imlay City Road, because of reported liquid rabbit waste being dumped at the property. Construction Code Official Lonnie Hayes inspected the facility and reported that the property is protected by the Right to Farm Act and it appears to be meeting the criteria. Attorney Gildner recommended dismissing the suit on the condition that he does everything the Department of Agriculture requires of him. There was discussion.
 - b) The state senate has adopted a series of bills dealing with medical marijuana. It touches on dispensaries and will be discussed at the next Planning Commission meeting.
8. Board: None.
9. Public Time: None.

REVIEWING AND PAYING BILLS:

The bills were reviewed by the Board for the General Fund for the amount of \$43,024.20 (check #17992 through check #18073); Public Safety for the amount of \$9,460.51 (check #1216) and the Fire Fund for the amount of \$6,373.97 (check #4289 through check #4316). For a total of \$58,858.68. 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; Lacey: Aye; Madeline: Aye and Mason: 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 8 p.m. A vote was taken. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: One (Herpolsheimer). **MOTION CARRIED.**

Submitted by:

Respectfully Submitted by:

Valerie Schultz, Deputy Clerk

Nancy Herpolsheimer, Clerk