

## MINUTES OF THE ATTICA TOWNSHIP BOARD

Held on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
Nancy Herpolsheimer, Clerk

At a meeting of the Attica Township Board held on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 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, Clerk Nancy Herpolsheimer, Treasurer Pam Mason, Trustee Phil Madeline and Trustee Richard Lacey. ABSENT: None. ALSO PRESENT: The public per the Sign-In Sheet attached.

The minutes of the August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011 regular Board meeting were reviewed by the Board; and there being no additions, corrections or deletions;

**MOTION** by Lacey, seconded by Madeline to approve the August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Attica Township Board minutes as presented. A vote was taken. Ayes: All; Nays: None. Absent: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Supervisor Ochadleus advised the Township Board on two pieces of correspondence:

1) The Township received a letter from Todd Herbert of Lapeer Hardwoods stating interest in possibly purchasing trees from the property the Township owns on Mitchell Lake Road. Supervisor Ochadleus is following up with the possible offer for Township trees.

2) The Michigan Township Association Weekly Legislative report of August 19<sup>th</sup> stated that the Michigan Department of Treasury has established a website that contains the F-65 revenue and expenditure data for all of the local governments in Michigan. Supervisor Ochadleus recommended providing information for the website.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Mason gave the following Treasurer's Report: General Fund Beginning Balance of \$442,962.93 receipts of \$8,207.73; Interest of \$72.41; Distributions of \$39,172.93 for a New Balance of \$412,070.14. Public Safety has \$114,487.60; Fire Millage has \$82,849.33 Fire Department Escrow has \$54,823.11 and there is \$2,415.86 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:** Deputy Nick Vandenberg gave the following police report: there were 164 calls in the month of August with 70 of the calls handled by the Township deputies. Deputy Vandenberg indicated that he and Deputy Cypret were on vacation for portions of the month so there were fewer calls than usual handled by Township deputies. Deputy Vandenberg stated that the investigation of the recent vandalism to the park and Township buildings is ongoing.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **1. Noxious Weed Ordinance**

There was discussion of the proposed Noxious Weed Ordinance.

**MOTION** by Mason, seconded by Lacey to adopt Attica Noxious Weed and Overgrown Grass Ordinance Number 9-01-11. A roll call vote was taken. Ochadleus: Nay; Mason: Aye; Lacey: Aye; Herposheimer: Aye and Madeline: Aye. Ayes: Four (4); Nays: One (1). Absent: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**2. Land Lease**

There was discussion regarding the proposed Land Lease/Ground Lease agreement with Bob Nichols.

**MOTION** by Lacey, seconded by Madeline to adopt the Land Lease/Ground Lease with Bob Nichols as amended. A vote was taken. Ayes: All; Nays: None. Absent: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**3. Park Policies**

There was discussion regarding the proposed Park Policies document.

**MOTION** by Herpolsheimer, seconded by Mason to adopt Attica Township Park Policies Number 9-01-11 as presented by Attorney Gildner. A vote was taken. Ayes: All; Nays: None. Absent: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**4. Little League Agreement**

There was discussion regarding Attica Little League. Supervisor Ochadleus stated that the Township Board has a responsibility to know who is in charge of the Attica Little League. Attorney Gildner is going to make some adjustments to the proposed Agreement between Attica Township and the Attica Township Little League.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Affidavit for Agricultural Use**

Supervisor Ochadleus and Zoning Administrator Fackler advised the Township Board regarding an Affidavit for Agricultural Use that Zoning Administrator Fackler is now using. Attorney Gildner will review the affidavit.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**1. FIRE:** Chief Warford reported:

- a) There were 11 fire runs since August's Board meeting with approximately \$215,000 in losses.
- b) Another grant is being worked on.
- c) The County Fireman's Association meeting will be held at the Attica Township Fire Hall on September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. and invited the Township Board.
- d) On the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11 the Attica Fire Department will attend a

church service in the morning and then attend the Brown City Memorial service dedicating a piece of the World Trade Center Towers. If time permits the Fire Department may also attend a Memorial service in Frankenmuth in which another piece of the World Trade Center Tower will be dedicated. Fire Chief Warford asked that everyone thank our public servants on the anniversary of 9/11.

2. PARK: Park Manager Phil Madeline reported that there have been many pavilion rentals in the past month.
3. PLANNING COMMISSION: Planning Commission Secretary Bud Fackler reported:
  - a) A public hearing has been set for November for Lapeer Community Church to amend their Special Land Use.
  - b) A public hearing has been set for November for amendments resulting from recent Special Land Use. Bircher will update the clearzoning® without charge to the Township.
  - c) A public hearing has been set for November to amend the sign ordinance.
  - d) The medical marijuana law is still unclear and the Township remains under a medical marijuana moratorium.
4. ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Gildner updated the Township Board on the Ritchie blight situation. Attorney Gildner and Zoning Administrator Fackler visited Mr. Ritchie's property to see if any progress had been made in the removal of blight. Attorney Gildner commended Zoning Administrator Fackler for his professional handling of the situation. Mr. Ritchie was advised that the Township Board has lost patience with the situation and wants to see concrete actions. Attorney Gildner is documenting all interactions with Mr. Ritchie.
5. AMBULANCE: None.
6. CEMETERY: None.
7. COMMISSIONER REPORT: Commissioner Jarvis reported:
  - a) A moment of silence will be observed at 1 p.m. on 9/11.
  - b) Working with department heads on budget cuts continues. There was discussion.
  - c) Governor Snyder spoke in Lapeer County and Commissioner Jarvis attended the speech.
8. BOARD:
  - a) Supervisor Ochadleus stated that the following items are being considered and wants the Board to be aware of them:
    - 1) Purchasing plastic tables and chairs for the Township Hall is being considered.
    - 2) Restroom renovations are in the budget for this year.
    - 3) The carpet in the Township Hall is showing wear and may need to be

removed. A change to linoleum is being considered.

4) There is a slight leak in the wall of the furnace room which will need to be repaired.

5) The stool in the men's bathroom continues to leak. A plumber is going to repair it in the next week.

6) A decision needs to be made regarding what to do with the tennis courts.

7) Bob Nichols has been farming 5 acres of the Township property and is now asking for money to tile the property. This issue needs to be resolved.

b) Clerk Herpolsheimer informed the Board that the MTA on the Road Again conference is going to be held in Frankenmuth on October 10<sup>th</sup> and asked that anyone wishing to go let her know.

9. PUBLIC:

a) Commissioner Linda Jarvis suggesting speaking with Lapeer Township before purchasing plastic tables and chairs because they are unhappy with their plastic tables and chairs.

b) Commissioner Linda Jarvis asked for information about the Attica Township Euchre nights.

c) Commissioner Linda Jarvis asked what American Output is on the Township Bills.

d) Fire Chief Chris Warford asked if it would benefit the Township to draft a document up front for agreements such as the one with Bob Nichols.

**REVIEWING AND PAYING BILLS:**

The bills were reviewed by the Board for the General Fund for the amount of \$36,217.57: Public Safety for the amount of \$21,471.60 and for the Fire Fund for the amount of \$12,102.58 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; Ochadleus: Aye; Mason: Aye; Lacey: Aye and Madeline: 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 p.m. A vote was taken. Ayes: All. Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Submitted by:

Respectfully Submitted By:

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Valerie Schultz, Recording Secretary

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Nancy Herpolsheimer, Clerk

