

## MINUTES OF THE ATTICA TOWNSHIP BOARD

Held on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
Nancy Herpolsheimer, Clerk

At a meeting of the Attica Township Board held on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013, 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 Phil Madeline and Trustee Richard Lacey. ABSENT: One (Clerk Nancy Herpolsheimer). ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Gildner and the public per the Sign-In Sheet attached.

### **REVIEW MINUTES:**

The minutes of the February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013 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 February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Attica Township regular Board meeting minutes as presented. A vote was taken. Ayes: All; Nays: None. Absent: One (Herpolsheimer). **MOTION CARRIED.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Supervisor Ochadleus stated that he received two letters from the Lapeer County Road Commission. The first letter is a copy of a letter sent to Attica Township property owners along Bowers Road informing them that trees or other obstructions along the road frontage will be removed. The second letter stated that the Road Commission is in the process of preparing for the 2013 High Risk Rural Road projects. Supervisor Ochadleus also read a letter from the Lapeer Development Corporation requesting \$1,000.00 for this year (2013). The board had no interest in contributing at this time.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Mason gave the following Treasurer's Report: General Fund Beginning Balance of \$444,811.03, receipts of \$77,714.78; Interest of \$35.29; Distributions of \$49,649.39 for a New Balance of \$472,911.71. General Fund CDARS Savings account has a Balance of \$200,215.50; Public Safety has \$132,833.42; Public Safety CDARS Savings account has \$50,053.87; Fire Millage has \$112,096.47; Fire Millage CDARS Savings account has \$50,053.87; Fire Escrow has \$27,859.32; Fire Escrow CDARS Savings account has \$50,053.87 and there is \$27,317.92 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: One (Herpolsheimer). **MOTION CARRIED.**

**POLICE REPORT:** Supervisor Ochadleus gave the following police report: there were 161 calls in the month of February with 84 of the calls handled by the Township deputies

**PUBLIC TIME:** Resident Katherine Schmidt stated that she is a student at University of Michigan studying social work (with a sub interest in government) and volunteered her time to Attica Township. Supervisor Ochadleus will contact Ms. Schmidt to set this up.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Public Meeting Regarding Proposed Grant Application for Attica Township Park:**

Supervisor Ochadleus advised the board and public that the recreation plan has been approved and the township is now eligible to apply for grants for the park. Supervisor Ochadleus explained how the grant process works and stated that the deadline for applying is April 1<sup>st</sup>.

a) Resident Katherine Schmidt asked what the affect would be on the Township if the Township does not receive a grant and stated that she feels upgrading the playground equipment is a great idea.

b) Fire Chief Chris Warford asked what the timeline is for putting in the playground equipment if the grant is received.

There being no further comments:

**MOTION** by Madeline, seconded by Mason to approve the attached resolution to support the grant application to the Land and Water Conservation Fund. A roll call vote was taken. Ochadleus: Aye; Madeline: Aye; Lacey: Aye and Mason: Aye. Nays: None. Absent: One (Herpolsheimer). **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Madeline, seconded by Mason to approve the attached resolution to support the grant application to the Recreation Passport Grant Program. A roll call vote was taken. Ochadleus: Aye; Mason: Aye; Madeline: Aye and Lacey: Aye. Nays: None. Absent: One (Herpolsheimer). **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Madeline, seconded by Mason to approve the attached resolution to support the grant application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund. A roll call vote was taken. Madeline: Aye; Mason: Aye; Ochadleus: Aye and Lacey: Aye. Nays: None. Absent: One (Herpolsheimer). **MOTION CARRIED.**

**2. Establish Budget Work Session Dates:**

The budget work session was scheduled for April 24<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. All department heads were instructed to have their figures to Clerk Herpolsheimer by April 17<sup>th</sup>.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

a) The tornado siren will be tested April 6<sup>th</sup>, May 4<sup>th</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup>, July 6<sup>th</sup>, August 3<sup>rd</sup>,

September 7<sup>th</sup> and October 5<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m.

b) The annual spaghetti dinner will be held April 20<sup>th</sup> at the fire hall.

2. PARK:

a) Supervisor Ochadleus stated that the two park maintenance employees retired. Duane Schwerin maintained the park for 37 years.

**MOTION** by Mason, seconded by Madeline to recognize Duane Schwerin for his 37 years of outstanding service to Attica Township with a plaque to be presented at the April 11<sup>th</sup> township board meeting. A vote was taken. Ayes: All; Nays: None. Absent: One (Herpolzheimer). **MOTION CARRIED.**

b) Supervisor Ochadleus stated that a third park maintenance worker was hired last year while the park maintenance workers were both off due to illness and that person is now working. An ad will be published in the newspaper to hire a maintenance supervisor.

3. PLANNING COMMISSION: The Planning Commission met March 6<sup>th</sup>, the scheduled public hearing had not been published therefore did not take place.

4. ATTORNEY REPORT: Nothing to report.

5. AMBULANCE: Supervisor Ochadleus stated that he did not attend the meeting, the Lapeer County EMS is solvent despite the two new ambulance services in the county.

6. CEMETERY: None

7. COMMISSIONER REPORT: Nothing to report.

8. Board:

a) Supervisor Ochadleus gave an update on the Attica Homecoming Days committee. Applications for vendors, craft show and car show etc. are available on the Attica Township web site.

b) Supervisor Ochadleus stated that the State of Michigan Bureau of Elections has found no improprieties in the November 2012 general election in Attica Township and has closed their investigation. Supervisor Ochadleus went on to inform the public that every Attica Township board member received a letter from resident Charles Archibald contending that the State of Michigan Bureau of Elections made a mistake on their report. Supervisor Ochadleus requested a copy of the letter be included in the minutes.

c) Treasurer Pam Mason thanked the board for allowing her to wave interest the last two weeks of September and February for resident's tax payments. The residents are grateful for the grace period.

d) Supervisor Ochadleus stated that the Board of Review met March 11<sup>th</sup> and March 12<sup>th</sup> and only received 6 protests. 84% of taxpayers SEV and Taxable are the

same therefore their taxes were reduced.

9. Public Time:

Dave Shaw stated that he is looking into purchasing property in the area and was told by his realtor not to look in Attica Township because it is so difficult to build additions and garages in the township. Supervisor Ochadleus reviewed the requirements for building accessory buildings and stated that individuals who follow the ordinance have no difficulties. Attorney Gildner stated that there have only been two problems with the building of accessory buildings in Attica Township in the last 15 years and both of them have been with the same resident.

**REVIEWING AND PAYING BILLS:**

The bills were reviewed by the Board for the General Fund for the amount of \$50,506.49 (check #14664 through check #14738): Public Safety for the amount of \$6,958.44 (check #1159) and for the Fire Fund for the amount of \$34,985.86 (check #2855 through check #2886) for a total of \$6,958.44. There being no further questions:

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

There being no further business before the Board, **MOTION** by Lacey seconded by Mason to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. A vote was taken. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: One (Herpolsheimer). **MOTION CARRIED.**

Submitted by:

Respectfully Submitted By:

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Valerie Schultz, Recording Secretary

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Nancy Herpolsheimer, Clerk

