

ATTICA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

February 13th, 2014

Nancy Herpolsheimer, Clerk

At a meeting of the Attica Township Board held on February 13th, 2014, 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: One (Clerk Nancy Herpolsheimer). ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Gildner and the sign-in sheet attached.

Pledge of allegiance led by Chief Warford.

MOTION by Lacey seconded by Madeline to amend the agenda to include number 3 under new business: Professional Planner Fee Proposal. A vote was taken. Ayes: All; Nays: None. Absent: One (Herpolsheimer). **MOTION CARRIED.**

REVIEW MINUTES:

The minutes of the January 9th, 2014 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 January 9th, 2014 Attica Township regular Board meeting minutes as presented. A vote was taken. Ayes: All; Nays: None. Absent: One (Herpolsheimer). **MOTION CARRIED.**

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Ochadleus received a proposal for blight enforcement from Nick Buffa, a St. Clair County blight officer.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Mason gave the following Treasurer's Report: General Fund Beginning Balance of \$392,669.74, receipts of \$148,311.38; Interest of \$44.61; Distributions of \$33,347.64 for a New Balance of \$507,678.09; General Fund CDARS savings account has \$200,761.35. Public Safety has \$97,441.59; Public Safety CDARS Savings account has \$50,190.33; Fire Millage has \$43,596.26; Fire Millage CDARS Savings account has \$50,190.33 Fire Escrow has \$57,609.64; Fire Escrow CDARS Savings account has \$50,190.33 and there is \$11,693.22 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: Deputy Nick Vandenberg gave the following police report: there were 119 calls in the month of January with 75 of the calls handled by the township deputies.

PUBLIC TIME: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Investment and Depository Resolution:**

MOTION by Mason, seconded by Lacey to adopt the attached Attica Township Investment and Depository Resolution. A roll call vote was taken. Mason: Aye; Lacey: Aye; Madeline: Aye and Ochadleus: Aye. Ayes: All; Nays: None. Absent: One (Herpolsheimer). **MOTION CARRIED**

2. **Ambulance Service:** Supervisor Ochadleus updated the board regarding the status of the Lapeer County EMS.

3. **Professional Planning Fees Proposal:**

MOTION by Lacey, seconded by Madeline to adopt the attached *clearzoning*® Schedule of Professional Planning Fees for the year 2014. A roll call vote was taken. Ochadleus: Aye; Lacey: Aye; Madeline: Aye and Mason: Aye. Ayes: All; Nays: None. Absent: One (Herpolsheimer). **MOTION CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Assessing and Tax Software and Hardware Upgrades:** Supervisor Ochadleus reviewed the recommendation from Attica Township Assessor Bob Gottschalk for assessing and tax software and hardware upgrades.

MOTION by Mason, seconded by Madeline to approve the attached recommendation of Assessor Gottschalk for BSA assessing and tax software, server, OS and service contract with ITRight, computers and remote backup and system wide management from ITRight at a cost of \$19,742.85. A roll call vote was taken. Mason: Aye; Ochadleus: Aye; Lacey: Aye and Madeline: Aye. Ayes: All; Nays: None. Absent: One (Herpolsheimer). **MOTION CARRIED**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

- a) The past month has been slower than previous months.
- b) He has finally gotten through the red tape for the 2012 FEMA grant. He has requested a \$30,000.00 direct deposit which leaves \$20,000.00 remaining.
- c) He is in the process of getting prices for generators for the fire hall and township hall.

2. **PARK:** Park Manager Phil Madeline reported:

- a) Although the park is officially closed people are still using the track.

- b) People have been skiing in the park.
 - c) The park opens the 1st of April and closes the 1st of November each year.
3. PLANNING COMMISSION: Planning Secretary Fackler reported:
- a) Planning Commission officers were elected at the January meeting.
 - b) The adult foster care home ordinance is being reviewed.
 - c) Fracking was discussed.
 - d) Attorney Gildner is working on the police powers ordinances.
 - e) The soil ordinance is being reviewed.
 - f) He is attending the pipeline safety conference next month.
4. ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Gildner reported:
- a) He will be presenting a rewrite of the blight ordinance at the next meeting.
 - b) After initial research into fracking it appears that there may be some area for local government regarding the effects of fracking but that the state regulates fracking.
 - c) He is looking into the bylaws regarding municipal options regarding the EMS Authority.
5. AMBULANCE: None.
6. CEMETERY: None
7. COMMISSIONER REPORT: Commissioner Jarvis reported:
- a) Distributed a list of appointments that each commissioner sits on.
 - b) She is running for another term as a commissioner.
 - c) Veterans are gearing up for a 50th anniversary celebration March 18th at 7 p.m. at the annex.
 - d) She will again be walking in the Walk for Warmth fundraiser on February 22nd and donations are welcome.
8. Board: Supervisor Ochadleus reported:
- a) The state performed a mini audit of each township in Lapeer County and several minor items that need correction were indicated in the Attica Township audit. One item that needs to be corrected is a land value map.

b) An update on the Attica Museum from Curator Janet O'Donnell was reviewed as well as an update on a possible museum expansion.

c) Discussed the recreation grant.

9. Public Time:

a) Commissioner Jarvis commended Attica for continuing to make improvements on the Attica Park.

b) Resident Elizabeth Stanhope of 1940 South Lake Goerge Road spoke in support of Lapeer County EMS. There was lengthy discussion.

REVIEWING AND PAYING BILLS:

The bills were reviewed by the Board for the General Fund for the amount of \$31,318.71 (check #15471 through check #15533): Public Safety for the amount of \$15,548.01 (check #1176 through check #1177) and for the Fire Fund for the amount of \$11,832.24 (check #3235 through check #3269) for a total of \$58,698.96. There being no further questions:

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

There being no further business before the Board, **MOTION** by Lacey seconded by Madeline to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 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