

ATTICA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Nancy Herpolsheimer, Clerk

At a meeting of the Attica Township Board held on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 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, Clerk Nancy Herpolsheimer, Treasurer Pam Mason, Trustee Phil Madeline and Trustee Richard Lacey. ABSENT: None. ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Gildner and the sign-in sheet attached.

Pledge of allegiance led by Chief Warford.

**REVIEW MINUTES:**

The minutes of the April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 regular Board meeting were reviewed by the Board; and there being no additions, corrections or deletions;

**MOTION** by Madeline, seconded by Lacey to approve the April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Attica Township regular Board meeting minutes as presented. A vote was taken. Ayes: All; Nays: None. Absent: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Ryan Doyle, County Highway Engineer, Lapeer County Road Commission was in attendance and asked for support of a ballot proposal for a 1.85 millage for 6 years for the purpose of providing funds in order to repair, maintain and improve existing roads and bridges in Lapeer County. Mr. Doyle distributed a draft of the ballot language. There was lengthy discussion.

**MOTION** by Herpolsheimer, seconded by Mason to support the process of putting a proposal for a 1.85 road millage on the ballot. . A vote was taken. Ayes: All; Nays: None. Absent: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Mason gave the following Treasurer's Report: General Fund Beginning Balance of \$607,282.33, receipts of \$2,597.51; Interest of \$47.30; Distributions of \$56,309.13 for a New Balance of \$553,618.01; General Fund CDARS savings account has \$200,898.28. Public Safety has \$119,681.00; Public Safety CDARS Savings account has \$50,224.56; Fire Millage has \$86,929.07; Fire Millage CDARS Savings account has \$50,224.56; Fire Escrow has \$67,174.07; Fire Escrow CDARS Savings account has \$50,224.56 and there is \$2,609.14 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 189 calls in the month of April with 105 of the calls handled by the township deputies.

**PUBLIC TIME:** Brian Rowley, on behalf of the Attica Days Committee, asked how much money was in the Attica Homecoming account. Clerk Herpolsheimer stated that the balance in the Attica Days funds is \$1,416.69 and provided Mr. Rowley with a report. There was discussion regarding parking and the car show at Attica Days. There was also discussion regarding placing Attica Days information and forms on Attica's web site.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Recreation Grant:** Supervisor stated that the recreation grant is in a holding pattern after reading the agreement to receive the grant Supervisor Ochadleus is concerned with the amount of money that needs to be spent in order to comply with the grant. There was discussion.
2. **Generator Decision:** Supervisor Ochadleus explained the proposed generator project for the Fire Department and the Township Hall. Fire Chief Warford received bids for the generators from OSC Electric and Mitchell Electric. There was discussion.

**MOTION** by Herpolsheimer seconded by Mason to accept the bid from Mitchell Electric for \$27,997.00 plus an additional 5% contingency of \$1,394.35 for a total of \$29,281.35 to install a generator in the Township Hall and \$35,260.00 plus an additional 5% contingency of \$1,763.00 for a total of \$37,023.00 to install a generator in the Fire Hall. A roll call vote was taken. Lacey: Aye; Madeline: Aye; Mason: Aye; Ochadleus: Aye and Herpolsheimer: Aye. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Budget Presentation:**

Supervisor Ochadleus reviewed the Budget for the 2014-2015 fiscal year and his wage recommendations. There was discussion with Attica Days committee members Brian Rowley and Angie Burgess regarding Attica Days funds.

**MOTION** by Herpolsheimer seconded by Mason to approve the attached wage recommendations presented by Supervisor Ochadleus. A roll call vote was taken. Lacey: Aye; Herpolsheimer: Aye; Mason: Aye; Ochadleus: Aye and Madeline: Aye. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. **David and Kim Laycock (property clean-up plans):**

Supervisor Ochadleus explained the blight situation on properties owned by owned by David and Kim Laycock at 3985 Newark Road and 4113 Newark Road. David and Kim Laycock were present and explained their plans for cleaning up the properties. Resident Dawn Fogler stated that the condition of the home is appalling

and she feels it should be condemned. Attorney Gildner stated that he sent a letter to the Laycock's regarding the blight and they responded immediately. Attorney Gildner has the paperwork prepared to file in Circuit Court to give the township the authority to clean up the property. The township board will review the situation on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014 to determine if it will be necessary to go through the court system.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. FIRE: Fire Chief Warford reported:
  - a) The spaghetti dinner was successful.
  - b) The Easter egg hunt went well.
  - c) Two fire fighters graduated from school last month.
2. PARK: Park Manager Phil Madeline reported:
  - a) He would like the rental agreement for pavilions changed to make renters responsible for trash removal.
  - b) Supervisor Ochadleus reported that the little league's shed was torn down last year and the township is replacing it with a new one at a cost of \$3,500.00. The shed will be owned by the township.
3. PLANNING COMMISSION: Planning Secretary Fackler reported that the Planning Commission's next meeting is May 22<sup>nd</sup>.
4. ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Gildner reported:
  - a) The board authorized him to file suit against Tarrs Service and Westfield Insurance for an unpaid fire run. Both suits were served in late April and their response is due May 16<sup>th</sup>, he has not heard from either as of yet.
  - b) A demand letter has been sent to the owners of the burnt out property on Reynold's Road and he will be in attendance at the township board's special meeting regarding the property on May 28<sup>th</sup>.
  - c) An opinion letter has been prepared for the ambulance service.
  - d) A response letter has been sent to Mr. Archibald.
  - e) The Supreme Court has ruled that prayer at municipal meetings is constitutional.
  - f) The changes in the Right to Farm Act gives municipalities more control.
5. AMBULANCE: None.
6. CEMETERY: None.

7. COMMISSIONER REPORT: None.
8. Board: Supervisor Ochadleus informed the board and public that Owen’s Tree Service is accepting virgin wood at the old Barret Pit.
9. Public Time: Resident Chuck Herpolshiemer asked what the procedure is to take care of a burned out house on Hunters Creek Road. Supervisor Ochadleus stated the board will take appropriate action.

**REVIEWING AND PAYING BILLS:**

The bills were reviewed by the Board for the General Fund for the amount of \$49,718.38 (check #15667 through check #15719); Public Safety for the amount of \$823.05 (check #1181) and for the Fire Fund for the amount of \$8,814.96 (check #3339 through check #3371) for a total of \$59,356.39. There being no further questions:

**MOTION** by Lacy seconded by Madeline to approve the bills as presented. A roll call vote was taken. Lacey: Aye; Herpolsheimer: Aye; Ochadleus: Aye; Madeline: Aye and Mason: 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 8:14 p.m. A vote was taken. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Submitted by:

Respectfully Submitted By:

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Valerie Schultz, Deputy Clerk

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Nancy Herpolsheimer, Clerk