

VALLEY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 11, 2013

Call to Order: Supervisor Browne called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

***The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

Roll Call: Christi Foster, Brandee Ellis, Bill Browne, Harry Smith, and Rose Ann Wendt were present.

Approval of Draft Agenda: Harry Smith made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Rose Ann Wendt seconded. The motion passed.

Approval of Minutes of May 14, 2013 and May 28, 2013: Christi Foster made a motion to approve the Board Meeting minutes of May 14, 2013. Rose Ann Wendt seconded. The motion passed. Brandee Ellis made a motion to approve the Special Meeting minutes of May 28, 2013. Christi Foster seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Christi Foster presented the Treasurer's Report.

County Commissioner's Report: Commissioner Jessup was absent.

Planning Commission Report: Commission Chair, Tony Garofalo, reported that there was not an April meeting of the commission. The June meeting will involve the further discussion of the bike trails, the review of the current Cemetery Ordinance, and the review of the Zoning Ordinance Manual.

Zoning Administrator's Report: Zoning representative, Lenny Cericola reported that we have had 3 building permits and 4 electrical permits. Some of the blight issues are starting to be resolved. Mr. Cericola also reported that there is a home that needs either extensive roof repair or condemnation. This issue could result in legal action.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Item: There were none.

Unfinished Business: There was none.

New Business

A. Meth Resolution: Clerk Ellis presented **Resolution #2013-6-11 To Address the Methamphetamine (Meth) Problem within Allegan County**. Bill Browne made a motion to approve the resolution. Christi Foster seconded. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

B. Principles of Governance: MTA has encouraged every township board to deliberate on and adopt Principles of Governance, which are a personal pledge to maintain the highest standards and tradition of Michigan townships. The document was signed by the entire board.

Supervisor's Comments:

A. Update on Millage restoration: Supervisor Browne reported that the official AG opinion is that they have "no comment". Attorney Lohrstorfer is preparing a letter/memo to Blaine McLoud regarding this as well as the 4029 Tax Rate Request form (which lists the 1mill restoration as "extra-voted").

B. Sexton: The township is looking for someone to take over the duties of Sexton of Millgrove Cemetery. The board was asked to instruct anyone who might be interested to contact Brandee Ellis at the township office.

C. Trash Hauler: Bill Browne reported that we have received a few phone calls from residents regarding trouble with receiving refunds from Reliable. Bill has an email from Reliable stating that, in fact, a refund will be given for all eligible residents.

D. The board agreed to allow Ken Engelking to work as an intern w/ Code Enforcement with no pay, just a \$100 per month for gas. After 30 days he will be eligible to apply for a license.

Approval to Pay Bills: Harry Smith made a motion to pay the monthly bills. Rose Ann Wendt seconded. The motion passed.

Upcoming Meetings/Events: Audit dates are June 19 and 20.

Adjournment: Harry Smith made a motion to adjourn. Christi Foster seconded. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandee Ellis, Clerk