

Williamstown Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes February 10, 2016

Call to Order

The Williamstown Township Board of Trustees convened at 6:00 p.m. at the Williamstown Township Hall located at 4990 Zimmer Rd., Williamston, Michigan. Supervisor Bloomquist called the meeting to order and reviewed the Agenda. Supervisor Bloomquist led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present: Trustee Imhoff, Supervisor Bloomquist, Treasurer Fielek, Clerk Mitchell, Trustee Williams

Also present: Jason Hockstock, Ferguson Continental, 150 E. Broad St, Columbus, Oh; Eric Iversen, 3135 Pine Tree, Suite D, Lansing, MI; Dave Love, Ingham County Drain Commission, 707 Buhl St, Mason, MI, 48854; Tom Stover, 5499 Mystic Lake Dr, Brighton, MI; Garry Rowe, 2301 Tiffany Ln, Holt, MI

Absent: Trustee Eyster, Trustee Hayes

Public Comment

Patrick Hanes, 4830 Zimmer Rd, regarding Township law enforcement

Closed at 6:10PM.

Consent Agenda

Trustee Williams moved the consent agenda consisting of:

- Approve the Minutes of 01-13-16 Township board meeting**
- General Fund Accounts Payable paid, checks 21372 through 21387 for a total of \$6,527.28**
- Payroll Checks paid 43430 through 43468 and EFT348 through EFT352 for a total of \$28,329.34**
- General Fund Account Payable checks to approve 21388 through 21398 for a total of \$9,881.89**
- Revenue and expenditure report 01/31/16**
- Treasurer's Report, February 2016**
- Building Inspector's Report**
- Pending Litigation**
- Police Report**

Seconded by Treasurer Fielek

Discussion: Clarification on Murphy/Spagnuolo billing.

Motion approved

PLANNING COMMISSION

Red Cedar Renaissance

Commissioner Giese reviewed the actions of the Planning Commission and the site plan review for Red Cedar Renaissance. At its January 20, 2016 meeting, the Planning Commission recommended approval by the Board of the site plan contingent on Ferguson/Continental Lansing's commitment to remove the log jam (fallen trees) in the river at the northwest corner of the Township park, and on the Township being recognized for its efforts on behalf of this project.

Jason Hockstock, Eric Iversen and Tom Stover (land owner) presented an overview of the project. The compensating cut will create protected wetlands and flood plain. Mr. Stover plans to begin work soon to restore property to farming. The applicant has agreed to clear the log jam in the northwest corner of the Township park.

Treasurer Fielek moved the board approve the site plan application by Ferguson/Continental Lansing LLC.

Seconded by Trustee Williams

Discussion:

- **Dave Long, Ingham County Drain Commission representative, stated the Drain Commission approved the soil erosion application. The Drain Commission will make weekly visits through project completion**
- **Soil will not be removed from site**
- **Clarification on process to protect topsoil**
- **Should not impact view for neighboring residents**
- **Clarification on cut area to high water table**
- **Appreciation for clearing log jam**

NEW BUSINESS

USGS/Ingham County Water Study

Garry Rowe described the proposed well-water testing project that will involve testing about 20 Township residential wells for bacteria and for several heavy metals. The 17 wells that were tested in 1983 will be retested. Testing has been completed in Aurelius Township. Mr. Rowe asked for Township help in communicating with residents. Individual test reports will be provided to residents whose wells are tested and a report of findings will be presented to the Township. The Ingham County Drain Commission will provide major funding. Township funding will be up to \$600.

Trustee Williams moved the Township Board approve the participation in the USGS/Ingham County Groundwater Study at a cost not to exceed \$600. This Study will provide information useful to Township residents on the quality of the Township wells.

Seconded by Clerk Mitchell.

Discussion: None

Motion approved.

RESOLUTIONS

Board Farmland Preservation Resolutions

Trustee Imhoff moved the Township Board approve Resolution 107, 108, and 109 authorizing parcels 33-03-03-22-300-004, 33-03-03-0-100-013 and 33-0303—22-300-005 to participate in the Ingham County PDR program. The Township Master Plan encourages the protection of farmland through this program.

Seconded by Trustee Williams

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Trustee Imhoff, Trustee Williams, Treasurer Fielek, Clerk Mitchell, Supervisor Bloomquist

No – None

Absent – Trustee Eyster, Trustee Hayes

Tractor Purchase

Trustee Imhoff moved the Williamstown Township Board approve the budget amendment reducing the Cemetery Contingency Fund 209-276-965.000 by \$9,760 and reducing Cemetery Repairs and Maintenance Fund 209-276-930.000 and adding these funds to Cemetery Capital Outlay for the purpose of purchasing a new Kubota L39-01 HT tractor. The funds from the sale of the John Deere tractor to be placd back in the Cemetery Fund. The tractor purchase is in the amount of \$30,660 with the balance of funds coming from 101-265-980.000, Building and Grounds Capital Outlay in the amount of \$6,000 and 101-751-881, Parklands, in the amount of \$6,000.

Seconded by Treasurer Fielek

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Trustee Imhoff, Supervisor Bloomquist, Treasurer Fielek, Trustee Williams, Clerk Mitchell

No – None

Absent – Trustee Eyster, Trustee Hayes

Public Hearing

Treasurer Fielek moved the Board call for a public hearing on the proposed budget and Police Assessment Roll to be held at 6:00PM on March 9, 2016.

Seconded by Trustee Imhoff

Discussion: Art Tour revenues are restricted and must be carried over if not spent. Discussion of lowering the Police special assessment. Consideration of increasing funding to the Senior Center.

Motion approved

Contract with Mannik & Smith Group

Discussion postponed to enable input from Trustees Eyster and Hayes.

OLD BUSINESS

None

REPORTS

Trustee Imhoff reported that Smith Gravel can provide free gravel and earth for the recycling center. Will ask for a revised bid.

Treasurer Fielek: local banks seem to have stricter policies regarding signatures. He has arranged for removing Mr. Gaffner and adding Mr. Steinberg as Township signatories.

Clerk Mitchell: the Presidential Primary vote is March 8, 2016.

Treasurer Fielek:

- Will attend the February 11 NIESA meeting for Trustee Hayes.

Supervisor Bloomquist:

- Plans to attend the March 7 meeting of the Ingham County Parks.
- Township Cemetery Commission is currently reviewing cemetery rates.
- Assessment notices will go out end of month.

Trustee Williams attended the February 8 Williamston City Council meeting. City is currently reviewing regulations concerning food trucks.

Public Comment

Jonathon Brandt, 4725 N. Branch Rd., described inconveniences with cable TV service. Has enjoyed living on North Branch Rd.

William Mead, regarding the Branch Road School.

Meeting Summary

Supervisor Bloomquist will follow up on the tractor purchase, on the water study, and with Chief Hall regarding disposition of funds from police citations.

Clerk Mitchell will see to the publication of resolutions and public hearing notices.

Adjournment

Treasurer Fielek moved to adjourn.

Seconded by Trustee Williams.

Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.

Shirley Mitchell, Clerk