

Williamstown Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes May 11, 2016

Call to Order

The Williamstown Township Board of Trustees convened at 7:00 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: Supervisor Bloomquist, Trustee Eyster, Clerk Mitchell, Treasurer Fielek, Trustee Imhoff, Trustee Hayes, Trustee Williams

Also present: Julie Chrisinske, Williamston Library; Trenton Smiley, Capitol Area District Library

Public Comment

None

Closed at 7:03 pm.

Consent Agenda

Trustee Hayes moved the consent agenda consisting of:

- Approve the Minutes of 4/13/16 Township board meeting
- General Fund Accounts Payable paid, checks 21482 through 21502 for a total of \$11,273.46
- Payroll Checks paid 43551 through 43585 and EFT 359 through EFT 365 for a total of \$25,703.45
- General Fund Account Payable checks to approve 21503 through 21525 for a total of \$19,717.11
- Revenue and expenditure report 04/30/2016
- Treasurer's Report, April, 2016
- Building Inspector's Report
- Police Report

Seconded by Trustee Williams

Discussion: The Revenue and Expenditure report was pulled pending clarification, and inclusion of the April Treasurer's Report was confirmed (it had not been included in the e-packet).

Motion approved, as revised per the above discussion.

Library Report

Julie Chrisinske, head of the Williamston branch of the Capitol Area District Library, gave an update on library programs and services. They have completed a strategic plan for the next four years. "CADLMobile" is available as a free app for smart phones or tablets, enabling patrons to reserve and renew materials. The "Hooplah" app enables downloading of audiobooks, e-books, and movies. In 2015, attendance increased by 14% over the prior year.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Roads

Trustee Hayes moved the Williamstown Township Board approve the recommendations of the Road Committee for 2016 road projects:

- These projects include allowing the County to maintain the segment of Germany Road from Hart Road to North Branch Road until its useful life is exhausted.
- REVISED at June 8, 2016 Board meeting to read Barry Road from Lounsbury Road to about 1,000 east of **Shoeman Road** (not Shoesmith Road) be wedged and chip sealed if it remains a local road.
- Lounsbury Road with road segment ratings of 5 and 4 should be wedged and chip sealed.
- Shoesmith Road should be wedged and chip sealed as indicated by the County.
- That the following projects be considered if funding remains: middle section of Gulick Road; Foster Road between Barry Road and the Township line; Barton Road between Sherwood Road and Germany Road; and Barton Road between Germany Road and Haslett Road, in that order.

Seconded by Trustee Eyster.

Discussion: Consider resuming the striping of local roads.

Motion approved.

Treasurer Fielek Resignation

Township Treasurer Mike Fielek has completed long-term plans to relocate to Wisconsin to be nearer to family, and so has notified the Township of his impending resignation from the Treasurer position.

Trustee Eyster moved the Williamstown Township Board regretfully accept the resignation of Treasurer Michael Fielek as of May 31, 2016

Seconded by Trustee Williams

Discussion: Trustees and Officers stated that Michael's service has been much appreciated and that he will be missed. They offered best wishes as he makes the transition to full-time doting grandfather.

Motion approved.

Trustee Williams moved the Williamstown Township Board appoint Deputy Treasurer Jill Cutshaw to the position of Treasurer for the remaining term of retiring Treasurer Michael Fielek as of June 1, 2016.

Seconded by Trustee Imhoff.

Discussion: Jill has been serving as Deputy Treasurer reporting to Michale Fielek. She has been trained to assume the Treasurer's duties. Since she is currently running unopposed for election to the Treasurer position. It therefore seems appropriate to appoint her to the position for the remaining term.

Motion approved.

Reports

Spring clean-up is on May 14.

Art Fair attendance was down, but sales by local artists were up.

A receptionist has been hired. Her name is Pati Snow.

Thanks to Rod for making repairs on the John Deere tractor. The tractor will fetch a better price because of his work. Deer Creek has offered to sell the tractor on behalf of the Township.

Wanda and Janet attended the Joint Committee meeting with the City Of Williamston. There was continuing discussion with the City regarding our 425's.

Water testing on the 17 residential wells that were tested previously is almost completed. A report is forthcoming. See minutes from the January 2016 Board meeting for details.

Public Comment:

None.

Closed at 8:18

Adjournment

Trustee Hayes moved the regular meeting be adjourned.

Seconded by Treasurer Fielek.

Approved.

Supervisor Bloomquist adjourned the meeting at 8:19pm.

Shirley Mitchell, Township Clerk

Date

Wanda Bloomquist, Township Supervisor

Date