

Clarendon Township Board Meeting

Monday, December 12, 2016
Regular Meeting Minutes

- I. **Opening**, Steve Schrock, Sharla Vincent, Rose Mary Berry, Jim Russell and Tim Anderson. Also present were nine members of the public.
 - A. Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM by Steve Schrock followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
- II. **Additions to and Approval of Agenda**: Sharla Vincent moved to approve the agenda; Tim Anderson supported; motion carried.
- III. **Public Voice**:
 - A. Todd Wildt, Homer Township Supervisor, spoke on the move to rename the current Water Resources Commissioner to the traditional Drain Commissioner and asked those in support to let him or Tim Anderson know.
 - B. George Baker gave a possible source for stone for the park area to the Board.
 - C. Gary Tompkins expressed his desire to work with and for the Township during his upcoming tenure as County Commissioner.
- IV. **Minutes**: Tim Anderson moved to approve the November minutes; Rose Mary Berry supported; motion carried.
- V. **Correspondence**: MTA training opportunities; note from Fred Heaton expressing appreciation for election support.
- VI. **Treasurer's Report**: Sharla Vincent moved to approve Treasurer's Report; Tim Anderson supported; motion carried.
- VII. **Accounts Payable**: Rose Mary Berry moved we approve bills in the amount of \$7,560.19; Tim Anderson supported; motion carried.
- VIII. **Committee Reports**:
 - A. **Ambulance Report** (Steve Schrock): Received grant from Firekeepers for new training equipment. Plan to keep the same meeting schedule for the coming year. Considering placing a .2 mill proposal for operating capital on the next ballot. Clarendon had 3 calls in September and 8 calls in October.
 - B. **Homer Lake Board Report** (Steve Schrock): No meeting.
 - C. **Homer Fire Board Report** (Rose Mary Berry): 3 runs in Clarendon in October. Planning on 1/1/17 transfer to the Authority. Have received the ladder truck. Will act on budget next meeting.
 - D. **Tekonsha Fire Board Report** (Steve Schrock): No meeting in November or December.
 - E. **Zoning Enforcement Report** (Forrest Howard): Reported on a number of open complaints and calls he received. Informed Mr. Music he would need to present a detailed plan for his proposed barn to the Planning Commission.
 - F. **County Road Department** (Steve Schrock): They plan to implement a queue alert system after the first of the year which would enable road problems to be conveyed by cell phone. They will be doing tree trimming when they are not plowing roads. Steve gave them a "wish list" for Clarendon Twp. road work.
 - G. **Planning Commission**: Changed quarterly dates on Planning Commission meetings to 6PM before Township Board meetings. Discussed various issues regarding member appointments. Discussed current Township zoning issues.
 - H. **Election**: (Sharla Vincent) Clarendon Township's ballots were recounted before the recount was halted by the courts. There was at least one challenge, reason unknown.
- IX. **Unfinished Business**:
 - A. **Fire Cost Recovery Ordinance**: Tabled until a decision is made on the Fire Authority.

B. **Fire Authority Proposal:** Tabled until action taken by Fire Board.

C. **Township Hall Improvements:** Steve Schrock presented several bids on a new furnace and for the work on the Hall. Current furnace bids range from \$3,900 to \$7,600. Received one bid on the Hall work of \$15,150. Steve will be seeking additional bids on the Hall work.

X. **New Business:**

A. **Budget Amendment:** Due to increase in meetings, we will need to increase the budget for the Planning Commission. Sharla Vincent moved we take \$500 from Attorney and move it to Planning Commission. Rose Mary Berry supported; motion carried.

B. **Fire Authority Budget:** Sharla Vincent moved we approve the Fire Authority Budget for 2017. Rose Mary Berry supported; motion carried.

C. **Blight Problems:** Steve Schrock will talk to Dave Gilbert concerning letters to residents with blight. He will follow up with our attorney, if necessary.

D. **Planning Commission:** Steve Schrock appointed Terry Petersen to the Planning Commission with the approval of the Board.

XI. **Public Voice:**

A. Mike Bearman, outgoing County Commissioner, detailed the civic involvement he intends to maintain.

XII. **Land Use Permits:** None

I. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharla Vincent, Clerk

Steve Schrock, Supervisor

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