

Board Meeting  
Superior Township Regular Meeting  
June 18, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Walter Hyvarinen, Supervisor, at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call of Board Members: Walter Hyvarinen, Supervisor, Mary A Charles, Clerk, Kathy Munson Jones, Treasurer, Charles Compo and William Beaune, both Trustees.

Visitors: Rich Phillips, Sadie LaFave, Randy Pesola, Jerry Albrough, Ann Marinoni, Cindy Albrough, Elizabeth Shelton, Jesus Rosa, Nicole Miller, Arnold Mills, Debbie Freedman, Patty Hopper, and Ken VanDusen.

Frank Toms, Fire Chief, was absent but sent in a report which is attached to the back of the minutes.

Leanne Barnes Deuman, candidate for 91st District Court Judge, passed out handouts and gave a short presentation on what her qualifications for judge are.

Liz Church, candidate for 91st District Court Judge, was on the agenda to give a presentation also but was a no show.

Cindy Albrough presented a letter to the board she received from her attorney who reviewed Superior Township's zoning ordinance and land use plan for her regarding J. Miller's proposed junkyard/auto recycler/used car dealership.

Elizabeth Shelton shared with the board that she talked to the DEQ about the proposed junkyard and they told her that West Branch was the closest place someone could come from to check on the junkyard and it wasn't likely that they would keep a good eye on it.

Jesus Rosa brought a problem to the board about noisy and drunk neighbors disturbing them in the middle of the night. He had tried calling the police who said without a township ordinance they couldn't do anything. Jesus also tried talking to the neighbors about the disturbances and it didn't help. He wondered what the township had to do to get a noise ordinance passed. Walter Hyvarinen said we would send a letter from the township to his neighbors to see if that would help any.

Arnold Mills gave information on his access problem to his property and said the township board and others could be sued if this wasn't resolved.

Motion by Charles Compo and supported by Bill Beaune to adopt the agenda as presented with the following addition: sidewalks under Old Business. Motion adopted with all members voting yes.

Motion by Charles Compo and supported by Kathy Munson Jones to adopt the minutes of the previous regular township board meeting dated May 21, 2008. Motion adopted with all member voting yes.

Motion by Mary A Charles and supported by Kathy Munson Jones to adopt the minutes of the zoning meeting dated June 9th, 2008. Motion adopted with all members voting yes.

**Old Business:**

Arnold Mills access to his property just off Shenandoah was again discussed. Debbie Freedman, Office Manager, was instructed to call David Bertram from MTA in Lansing and see what information she could get from him. If the information is not sufficient the township attorney will be consulted.

Motion made by Mary A Charles and supported by Charles Compo to accept the Zoning Board's recommendation to deny Jimmie Miller's request for the junkyard/automotive recycler/used car dealership. Motion adopted with all members voting yes.

Motion by Kathy Munson Jones and supported by Bill Beaune to purchase the new handheld from Sensus/Etna for \$10,000.00. Motion adopted with all members voting yes.

We need specs for the proposed new/repared sidewalk(s) in Brimley. The township office was directed to see what info they can get from the city of Sault Ste Marie and also check on getting a grant from Edison or Cloverland Electric. Gathered info should be brought to the next board meeting.

**New Business:**

A new riding lawnmower was discussed to replace the old one Ken VanDusen uses now. It is used to cut grass in the cemeteries more than anything else. Frank Toms or Ken VanDusen are to bring prices to the next township board meeting.

Some downed trees and many stumps were noticed at Bayview Cemetery. When it was discovered Ken VanDusen has experience running a chainsaw he was told to cut the downed trees and get rid of them. This is cheaper than hiring someone else to do it, and since he is a township employee he is covered by township liability insurance. Walter Hyvarinen also told Ken to use the township backhoe and pull the stumps as this makes walking on cemetery grounds safer and should save time as the mower can then be used to cut the grass instead of the weed whacker.

Kathy Munson Jones saw Ken VanDusen mowing Passmore's grass that is adjacent to township property and asked why we were mowing someone else's grass. The question was then directed to Ken as Frank Toms was absent. Ken said Frank told him to. The board agreed that this is not good practice and should not be done in the future.

Motion by Charles Compo and supported by Bill Beaune to appoint Rich Phillips to the Zoning Board. Motion adopted with all members voting yes.

We need to appoint two members to the Zoning Board of Appeals. The township board will present names at the next township board meeting.

Reports:

Supervisor's Report:

Walter attended one of the Michigan Planning Enabling Act Workshops. By July 2011 townships have to adopt a resolution setting up a planning commission in place of zoning boards.

Walter also attended a meeting on flood plains. He said the flood plain maps do not show the difference in ground levels that would make a difference in whether a flood would reach someone's house. The maps just take into consideration how many feet you are from the body of water.

Treasurer's Report:

Motion by Mary A Charles and supported by Bill Beaune to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion adopted with all members voting yes.

Board members questioned the paint gun (purchased beginning of April) and adjusting valve (purchased beginning of May) on the Invoice Approval List. The question was directed to Ken VanDusen as Frank Toms was absent. Ken wasn't sure how to answer because even though he has done the painting since the date(s) of purchase, the paint gun and adjusting valve have never been available to him. Frank told Deb the paint gun and adjusting valve were purchased to paint the equipment (tractor, brush hog, etc.) but any painting Ken has done has been by hand including equipment (tractor and brush hog used at lagoons). Frank Toms will be asked what they were purchased for.

Motion by Charles Compo and supported by Bill Beaune to pay the bills in the amount of \$49,284.21. Motion adopted with all members voting yes.

Motion by Kathy Munson Jones to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 P.M.

Mary Ann Charles, Clerk