

Winterfield Township
8987 Cook Ave.
Marion, MI 49665

The minutes of the regular meeting, of the Board of Trustees, on Nov. 5, 2014, held at the Winterfield Township Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Hammar at 7:30 p.m. All rose to recite the pledge of allegiance. Roll call was taken, all Board members were present. Also present

Agenda was accepted as adjusted. Motioned by Shelly and seconded by Linda.

The minutes of the previous meeting were discussed and approved as written. Motioned by Shelly and seconded by Kathryn.

Treasurer read her report next. Kathryn motioned to accept as read. Shelly seconded, so moved.

Ray Goeman spoke first. There will be a Board of Review meeting December 9th. There is no time scheduled as of yet. There is a 3% increase in Residential property.

Karen Lipovsky spoke next. The Health Department is moving in December. They should be ready by the first of the year. We are trying for two Grants to get cars for the Sheriff. The Senior millage, has passed. Meals on Wheels, has moved to the K of C Hall. It serves meals 11:30 until 12:30. They are also doing bingo and having UAW meetings there. Furnaces went out at the Jail. There were 119 parcels first auction and 59 at the second one. The old transit Building was sold for \$210,000 to a sanitation company for a repair facility for their trucks. Some of that money will go to MDOT. Some will go to the County for the airport. Lynn Grimm lost election to Samantha Pitchford.

Deepak Gupta spoke next. He introduced Dave Sunday the foreman. November 21 at 1:00 is an open house for John Krchmar. Julie Lightfoot may come by in the future. 41 bridges have been inspected. 25% are in good shape. I believe in preventive maintenance. I met with Republic Waste and Waste Management. We had a good discussion. We want them to drop their weight in the winter. Trash has to be picked up. Loggers are going to have to obey weight limits. Thanksgiving is when the bad weather begins. Winterfield will get Cook thru Strawberry for chip and seal. He says the people who were here before did things right. We stopped mowing County roads long ago. We hired temps to do small brush, trees and weeds. If money permits we will cut, spray, and keep things cleaned up. Mark added, the things done this year look good. We need to get a big culvert on Arnold Lake Road and Kirby. Country curbs need work.

Ken Lind (Insurance agent for EMC) said to contact him call (989) 426-9080. I work with Townships, Villages, and many other organizations protected by rules and regulations. Loggers have fleet insurance to cover property damage.

Clerk spoke next. Distributed the audit to the Board members, and informed them of the \$3,450 bill for the audit. We need no adjustment to the budget at this time.

Treasurer spoke next. There will be internet information in the winter tax bills with other notes. We have another Qualified forest Applicant.

Public Comment – Christine Brown said she called the internet company and they said they will be put a dish in her yard.

Dorwin Clark spoke next. The people on Cook Ave. with the dogs want to put up a fence. DeSloover got a zoning permit to build a 16 X 24 pole barn. England Pole Building got a permit to build a pole barn on Pine Rd.

Shelly spoke next. We have a vacancy on our Planning Commission Board. We have three people interested, Carl Traynor, Fred Prielipp and Linda Goodrich. After some discussion Carl Traynor was asked if he would rather be on the Board of Review, since his wife being on the Planning Commission already. He said yes. Shelly motioned to accept Fred on the Planning Commission. All Board of Trustees were in favor. Mark accepted Carl Traynor as substitute on Board of Review.

Shelly added, we are in need of lime stone in the cemetery at the new gate. There are 2 trees that need to be removed.

Mark spoke next. We have two bids for the fence to surround the Tower. Hamburg Fence has included everything we asked for at \$2,650. Steve Ley can do the same job for \$4500. Mt. Pleasant Fence and Door bid \$5141. After a short discussion it was voted to accept the Hamburg Fence bid. Shelly motioned, Kathryn seconded and we all were in agreement. We all looked at the proposed logos for the web site. The majority chose Three pine trees with a sun behind them. Next is the internet tower contract with ISP. We decided to accept the 2nd one, if the lawyer has no issue with it. Mark motioned, and Shelly seconded all were in favor. Mark mentioned that the Haywood property needs to be cleaned up. We suggested that it should be held off until spring. Shelly knows Excel and Mark and her talked somewhere about it and she accepted the offer to do the cemetery records. Her price is 40 hours for \$600. Mark motion and Linda seconded. All were in favor. Address assignments will be tabled until January. Mark asked for a motion to pay bills. Shelly motioned to pay bills, Harry seconded and Mark said before the bills are paid I have some questions on some of these checks. First off how did you come up with Ines' check for the election? Kathryn answered Chair person wage plus 1 hr. for setup. His voice was raised, where did you get the 10 dollars from? Kathryn said she helps set up the day before. It took an hour so I paid her for that like I always do. Then I was corrected that the hourly wage was changed to \$11.00. I forgot. Then he asked why there was an expense check made out to me before the regular pay day? I said I have done it before and no one ever said anything about it. He said well that is not supposed to be done. The expense sheet is supposed to be submitted. I said I did fill out the expense sheet. If anyone of you had wanted to see it I would have brought it for you all to look at. Mark voice elevated again, and repeated it is not supposed to be done. He looked the other members and said am I right? They agreed with him and Linda brought up a check that was written for stamps that I did not write that they were for the Clerk and she thought they were for Mark. I replied Mark has plenty of money he would not come to me for stamps. Then Mark moved on to the check to pay for the gravel jobs that the Road Commission had done. I do not believe that is what the contract was for. Everyone looked into their stuff to see if they had it written somewhere. No one had. We waited for someone to finish something. Finally the motion to pay bills was finished and checks were handed out. Mark asked for a motion to adjourn. All were in favor, so moved.

Meeting was adjourned. Kathryn Decker, Clerk