

**Winterfield Township**  
8987 Cook Ave.  
Marion, MI 49665  
Minutes of September 2, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. All rose to recite the pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken, all board members were present. Also present were: Mr. and Mrs. Link Hubbard, Morris Creason, Mark Miller, Sandy Land, Bobbie Dalton, Cynthia Sherman, Lonsie Tulppo, Don Carroll, Joel Johnson, Sheriff Wilson, Midge and Dorwin Clark.

Minutes were approved as read, motioned by Harry, second by Mark all were in favor.

Treasurer's report was read and approved as read. Motioned by Shelly, second by Kathryn All were in favor.

Sheriff Wilson spoke first. To date we have had only 29 incidents the area. Revenue is up to 350,000 ahead of the projected revenue. Dispatch has a back up in Clare. There is a scam going around using the IRS. Barb Hawkins got ripped off by it. The Sheriff tried to catch them, but only ticked them off. There is a new Road Commission Engineer, Deepak Gupta. The armed robberies of Amish are solved. The people have been caught. The Amish community is expanding. There are families moving into Greenwood. Trost is getting or has been paroled.

Joel Johnson State Representative spoke next. Skilled Trades money is in there for kids. It goes into effect in March. We have been working on it for 4 years. An 85 year old woman, who rents out her land, had to spend a lot of money to keep her land. Someone planted the land and tried to claim it. We are working on Government Responsibility. In some instances people are waiting an extended length of time to get licenses, such as business's, transferred into their name. We are trying to make them push them through. We need to put in a bill that any increase in revenue needs to go to roads. Still trying to cut expenses and voted against the budget, except for the Skilled Trades. We are spending more on education.

John Wilson said there are people buying up tax land, cutting off the trees and then not paying the taxes.

Karen Lipovsky spoke next. The emergency Manager is full time now. We bought 24 new computers, and gave \$60,000 for jails. Sheriff's department gets to buy 2 new vehicles they wanted 3.

Rick LaBoda had resigned and Ed Garver, Road Commissioner quit. Don David has been appointed Commissioner and Julie Lightfoot is a new Road Commissioner. On ballot in November is another 0.27 mills for Seniors. This is an add on to what they already have.

PUBLIC COMMENT Bobbie Dalton spoke. She said that people are using her property to get across to property they are cutting on. Wants to know if we can help. John Wilson gave her some advice.

Sandy Hubbard wants to know who is paying us for the tower.

Don Carroll says the people that live to the East of him have aggressive pit bulls. They will not keep them on their own property. They come on his property and chase him in the house. His grandchildren are not safe in his yard anytime. His neighbor Ron Zellinger will put up a fence, but does not want to do it properly. Don has called Animal Control.

Zoning Administrator report. Dorwin Clark says he gave a permit for the tower on Cook Ave. Took a complaint from Josh Sikkema and gave 2 permits on Clam River Rd. for Pole Barns.

Clerk's business: Asked about paying Linda for the hour and a half that she worked on elections. It was okayed to give her \$13.34 per hr.

We spoke about bids for jobs needing done. Okayed to allow Linda to accept lowest bid for power washing the Hall building. Motioned by Kathryn and seconded by Mark. All were in favor.

Treasurers business. County Tax Sale at County. None in Winterfield. Wheat property in Redding may have a buyer. We are going to have to cash in a CD to replenish the savings account. I had a resident question on rentals. The land owner us moving several states away, the person is concerned as far as what may go on at that property. I received an application for the qualified forest program. That will make the taxes lower.

Clerk asks for permission for her and Harry to go to the Expo in Grand Rapids, January 2015. Permission granted. Linda and Mark may want to go for a day. Shelly says it costs \$50 to get on the Quilt Trail. The Quilt square must be at least 2ft. X 2ft. There are rules you have to follow.

Mark says they are working on our 5 year Road Repair plan. They started Partridge, Claroskee Road will be next. 7 drain tiles have been replaced.

Cemetery filed h

Were discussed and tabled for more research. Internet, what do we want to do, as far as charges and installation at Board members homes. No decision made. Great Lakes Energy has been paid. We are now on the list to get our service to the tower. Mark is to accept lowest bid for electric hook up to tower. Harry motioned, Shelly seconded. All were in favor.

There was an adjustment of \$17,000 made to the Tower Budget. Shelly motioned and Mark seconds, All were in favor.

Shelly motioned to pay bills. Harry seconds, and all were in favor. Bills paid.

Harry motioned and Shelly seconded to Adjourn the meeting. All were in favor, meeting adjourned 10:00 p.m.