

Winterfield Township Meeting

January 9, 2018

7:00 pm

The meeting was called to order by Bonnie Fox, clerk, in place of Mark Hammar, at the Winterfield Township Hall, 8987 Cook Avenue, Marion, MI. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all those present. She made a motion to have Bonnie Blackledge, deputy supervisor, run the township board meeting in Mark Hammar's absence, as he was out of town, which passed. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the agenda. Those present were Bonnie Blackledge: deputy supervisor, Linda Peterson: treasurer, Fred Prielipp: trustee, Shelly Laughlin: trustee and Bonnie Fox: clerk. Also present were Carl Traynor, Edwin Miller, Jr., and Karen Lipovsky.

The minutes of the November 7, 2017 meeting were unavailable to read. They will be read at the March meeting. Linda Peterson gave the treasurer's report and a motion was made to approve it. Bonnie Fox gave the clerk's report and a motion was made to approve it.

Karen Lipovsky, County Commissioner from District 6 gave a report of the County Commissioners' December 20th meeting. She said two more court clerks were hired by Lori Martin, clerk, the treasurer's office has been remodeled to allow more room, and the boiler in the sheriff's office needed to be replaced. A new building inspector has been hired, Clare County has been asked to join with Mecosta County, as that county has a morgue, instead of sending bodies to Carson City, and a used pick-up truck was allowed to be purchased by the Building Department.

Shelly Laughlin gave the Planning Commission report stating Mike Clark has almost completed his training to be a certified zoning administrator. Andrew Laughlin is working to obtain the information contained in the formerly used township computer and Julie Traynor expressed a desire to keep zoning information for the future. The idea of purchasing an emergency siren for the township was brought up again and will be discussed later.

Bonnie Blackledge gave the supervisor's report. She attended a broadband meeting and said the county is switching internet providers. Fiber optics will be brought into Harrison, but will not be available to rural areas. A discussion as to the time Partridge Avenue has been closed due to guardrail replacement ensured. Carl Traynor said it is open as of today. A motion was made, supported and passed to approve the township expenditures. Bonnie Blackledge reviewed the road repairs for 2018 and stated Mark Hammar will meet with Al Leonard this month. She also said some additions have been made to the township webpage including recycling dates, the hours the Transfer Station is open, Township Board meeting dates, as well as Planning Commission meeting dates.

Linda Peterson, treasurer, presented a proposal to combine three separate CD's into one for a better return. She asked that we think about it, with the idea of acting on it at the next board meeting in March.

The Township Board adopted the State of Michigan Poverty Guidelines, for the Board of Review to use, as well as the suggested mileage rate of 54.5 cents per mile, which changed the first of the year. The

Marion Community Fire Department would like to have a written confirmation as to who would attend the meeting in the absence of the supervisor. They also changed the assessment from \$19,887 to \$20,285.

The question arose as to whether it is necessary to file any ordinances passed by the Township Board with the County clerk. We will inquire of the Michigan Township Association. Carl Traynor, Transfer Station Attendant, gave a report for the 2017 year. He stated 4741 customers used the station, up from last year,

1964 yards were collected in the eight-yard containers and 869 yards in the twenty-yard container. A discussion took place about switching the six -yard container with another eight-yard. Carl said the eight-yard containers are paid for by taxes, but the twenty-yard is a service of the township.

The next Winterfield Township Board Meeting will be March 13, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Fox, clerk