

**HANDY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Handy Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Alverson at 7:00 P.M. in the Handy Township Boardroom. Trustees present: Eisele, Shear and Munsell (arrived 7:13 p.m.). Absent: Roddy. Also present: and residents: Reed Wilmot, Diana and Roger Brady and Donna Brady. Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Add Brief Public Comments after Approval of Agenda,
Add under New Business item F) Resolution to Waive Late Filing Fee for Property Transfer Affidavits and item G) Proposal for Thermostats (Township Office)

MOTION EISELE SUPPORT SHEAR TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. MOTION CARRIED.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident Donna Brady addressed the Board concerning a business operating next door to her. She is concerned about the dust and noise being generated and that the zoning does not allow the business to operate at that location. Supervisor Alverson stated that her primary contact for zoning concerns is the Zoning Administrator. Brief discussion followed.

MINUTES

Handy Township Board Regular Meeting Minutes of July 20, 2020

MOTION EISELE SUPPORT SHEAR TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING OF JULY 20, 2020 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Bills for August 17, 2020 in the amount of \$189,561.61 were presented for payment. Brief discussion concerning sewer/water bills that are covered by the capital improvement loan.

MOTION SHEAR SUPPORT EISELE TO PAY THE BILLS FOR AUGUST 17, 2020 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$189,561.61 TO BE PAID FROM THE APPROPRIATE ACCOUNTS. MOTION CARRIED.

PENDING BUSINESS

A) Sewer Report

a. Plant Update

Sludge tank needs to be emptied, North RBC still needs to build up. Raica has done grass seeding at Red Cedar Crossings (part of remediation with manhole repairs) and work on the EQ tank is finished.

Waiting on repairs for the compressor.

Supervisor Alverson distributed information concerning S.A.D. bonds, will be meeting with Steve Mann on September 9th to discuss possible refinancing options.

B) Water Report

a. Plant Update

Supreme Water has information on a vendor that would deliver salt for the Plant at a much reduced cost than what the Township currently pays.

Supervisor Alverson is looking for storage options for official Township documents belonging to the Water Plant.

Pikk services has been out twice due to alarm issues, door rattling may be setting off alarm.

Continuing work on the Emergency Response Plan, looking into commercial plumbers. EGLE sent out information concerning PFAS testing. In 2018 when Red Cedar Crossing was tested there were no PFAS.

Requirement for yearly step down testing on wells, checking with Brown Well Drilling if they are able to do the testing.

b. Renewal of Contract: Infrastructure Alternatives

Discussion of contract, they have not requested an increase for several years.

MOTION MUNSELL SUPPORT EISELE TO RENEW THE CONTRACT FOR WATER PLANT SERVICES WITH INFRASTRUCTURE ALTERNATIVES AS PRESENTED AND TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR'S AND CLERK'S SIGNATURES. MOTION CARRIED.

C) MEDC Grant Update

Grant is for Township property located on W. Grand River (formerly known as the Harris property). Reviewed purpose of grant for residents in attendance, report should be complete in September, soil boring information may be available through the Livingston County Dain Commission, Supervisor is checking into. Discussion concerning the wells located on the Township property, testing is good for 2 years, may be beneficial to wait on more testing. Discussion concerning Scale Drive as access to property.

- D) 2020 Western Livingston County Census Summary
Reviewed information on response, percentages and comparison to last census. Also, discussion of costs associated with regard to signage and newspaper notices.
- E) Fire Department Report
Supervisor gave information concerning new tanker costs. Personnel changes are coming next week. Department had donation to purchase automated CPR machines. Discussion concerning Fire Department looking for property.
- F) Roads
Second Chloride application has been done, really need rain. Cost outlays reviewed, may need another application. Sharpe Road repaving work is still on hold until the North Grand project is completed.

NEW BUSINESS

- A) Resolution Amending Special Assessment Roll for Sanitary Sewer, District No. 3 (Removal of REU's former Chestnut Dev. Property)
Brief discussion.

A RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY MUNSELL AND SUPPORTED BY SHEAR TO AMEND THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR SANITARY SEWER, DISTRICT NO. 3, NORTH FOWLerville ROAD. ROLL CALL VOTE. EISELE-AYE, SHEAR-AYE, MUNSELL-AYE, ALVERSON-AYE. AYES-4, NAYS-0, ABSTAIN-0, ABSENT-RODDY. RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

- B) Adoption of Recommendation: Township Property (formerly known as Whitehead Property) From Harmon Real Estate
Discussion concerning recommendation.

MOTION EISELE SUPPORT MUNSELL TO DENY ADOPTING THE RECOMMENDATION FOR SPLITTING AND RE-ZONING THE HANDY TOWNSHIP PROPERTY (FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE WHITEHEAD PROPERTY). ROLL CALL VOTE. EISELE-AYE, SHEAR-NAY, MUNSELL-AYE, ALVERSON-NAY. AYES-2, NAYS-2, ABSTAIN-0, ABSENT-RODDY. TIE VOTE, MOTION FAILED.

- C) Supervisor's Report
Distributed the 2020 drain roll, commented on the beautiful sunflowers at Munsell Farms and how well the 4H auction went.
- D) Treasurer's Report
Report presented.

E) Clerk's Report

Election went well, Clerk was concerned that many voters did not wear masks since they were not required by State. County commented that Handy Township canvass was flawless. Everyone was very pleased with the beautiful sneeze guards made for the precincts by Frank Munsell.

F) Resolution to Waive Late Filing Fee for Property Transfer Affidavits
Brief discussion.

A RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY EISELE AND SUPPORTED BY MUNSELL TO WAIVE THE LATE FILING FEE FOR PROPERTY TRANSFER AFFIDAVITS. ROLL CALL VOTE. MUNSELL-AYE, SHEAR-AYE, EISELE-AYE, ALVERSON-AYE. AYES-4, NAYS-0, ABSTAIN-0, ABSENT-RODDY. RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

G) Proposal for Thermostats (Township Office)

Reviewed proposal for the programmable thermostats.

MOTION SHEAR SUPPORT EISELE TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL FROM M.A.S. MECHANICAL, LLC. FOR PROGRAMMABLE THERMOSTATS AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$595.00 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CLERK'S SIGNATURE. MOTION CARRIED.

Brief Public Comments

No comments from the public.

**MOTION EISELE SUPPORT MUNSELL TO ADJOURN AT 8:06 P.M.
MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela J. Hibbard
Deputy Clerk/ Recording Secretary

Laura A. Eisele
Handy Township Clerk