

RAISINVILLE TOWNSHIP

October 6th, 2015

PRESENT: SUPERVISOR BLANCHETTE, CLERK FETTERLY, TREASURER MEYER, TRUSTEE HENDERSON & TRUSTEE WOELMER

The Raisinville Township Board meeting was opened with the Pledge to the American Flag.

MINUTES: **MOTION** by Trustee Henderson, Supported by Treasurer Meyer to approve the minutes of the September 1st, 2015 board meeting. **Motion Carried.**

TREASURER REPORT: **MOTION** by Trustee Woelmer, Supported by Clerk Fetterly to approve the treasurer report. **Motion Carried.**

BUILDING DEPT. REPORT: There were 111 permits issued for the month of September. There were 92 building permits, 11 electrical, 8 mechanical and 0 plumbing for a total fee of \$13,053.50.

BILLS: **MOTION** Trustee Henderson, Supported by Treasurer Meyer to approve the bills for this month. **Motion Carried.**

OLD BUSINESS: Supervisor Blanchette stated that plank road should be done and re-opened by the end of the week. Trustee Woelmer asked about Albain Rd, Supervisor Blanchette stated the MCRC is aware of the problem and plan to have it repaired by the end of the season.

NEW BUSINESS:

BLIGHT: We had a complaint about chickens on Bluebush Rd, too small of acreage to have chickens according to our ordinance.

MOTION by Trustee Woelmer to grant special use approval for applicant Jason Miller of 8710 N Custer Rd, Monroe, MI 48162; for a proposed landscape contractor's building/yard located in the Miller Business Development Park, Building "G" at 4658 S. Custer, Monroe, MI 48161, which is zoned M, Manufacturing. Parcel ID # 58-13-128-107-10. Supported By Trustee Henderson, **Motion Carried.**

Supervisor Blanchette presented a contract by Precision Irrigation and Lawn Care to have the townships local roads mowed back fence to fence, 21 feet every year, instead of 1/3 of the township each year, and extend the contract for an addition 3 years. He stated that it would be mowed back once a year at the second mowing like it is now fence to fence. **MOTION** by

Trustee Woelmer that we approve an additional 3 year contract with Precision Irrigation and Lawn Care, for the bid price of \$19,400.00 per year to mow all the way back like presented. Supported by Treasure Meyer, **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Trustee Henderson to approved the 2016 Ida Sewer Operation and Maintenance budget. Supported by Treasure Meyer, **Motion Carried.**

Supervisor Blanchette stated that we were still using the State building permit fee schedule from 2006, the newest fee chart was created in 2013. We are currently charging about 75% of the newest chart, and even with the new fees, we are still under most other townships.

MOTION by Trustee Henderson to approve the 2013 building fee schedule from the State effective Dec 1st 2015. Supported by Treasure Meyer, **Motion Carried.**

The Township Board had a discussion on the Planning Commission application fee chart, to make sure the base fee covered all the township cost. Also to start using the application fee chart for all Planning Commission applications, including the escrow amount. Clerk Fetterly made a motion that we amend the fee chart, remove the "per acre" fee on the base fee and make it a flat \$ 500.00 fee for all the base fee charges, and to use this fee chart for every application. Supported by Trustee Henderson, **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Keith Henderson to accept the 2016/2017 library budget for \$2,706.25. Supported by Trustee Woelmer, **Motion carried.**

The Township had someone approach us from Gabby's Ladder board about selling the 4.7 acres we own on S. Custer, there was an appraisal on it done, and our township assessor, attorney, and the board members thought it was a fair appraisal. The Township has no plans to use that property, and that the money would go into the general fund to use towards township needs, possibly roads or a new fire engine. **MOTION** by Trustee Woelmer that we direct Kerry Bondy to write up a purchase agreement for the 4.75 acres for 15,856.00 per acre with Gabby's Ladder. Supported by Trustee Henderson, **Motion Carried.**

Supervisor Blanchette stated the Building Official is moving towards retirement, and would like us to advertise for a replacement. We had our attorney draw up a notice for the paper to advertise for a Building Official.

Planning Commission: Trustee Woelmer stated that the planning commission meeting held on September 21st had a public hearing for Miller Development and was recommended to the township board to approve special use for building "G", and that the planning commission approved preliminary site plan review at their meeting. Also it was stated that the Township Planner is working on updated our zoning book format, and our planning commission application forms. Trustee Woelmer also stated that that when the planning commission

approves something with conditions/stipulations, before it goes to the township board we should have a final plan showing that the stipulations are met.

LMR- Trustee Henderson stated that the LMR meeting was held September 21st they discussed a new generator, and that the new payroll company is working out fine, the new tanker engine is up and running good. Checking into jaws equipment, and that they are working on selling one of the rescue trucks. One person had to be removed from the fire department roster, LMR presently has 21 firefighters and 2 going thru the schooling. The LMR fire department's annual audit came back in good order. Next LMR meeting is scheduled for November 16th at 7:00 pm.

CITIZEN COMMENT TIME: John Delmont from 1095 Nieman Rd Dundee MI asked about Albain Rd and Ida West Rd improvements. He also made a comment about the importance to have a building official in the office, for residents to come in and discuss building projects face to face. Supervisor explained to him that MCRC is working on getting estimates for Albain Rd and hopefully some state money to get Ida West Rd fixed.

BOARD COMMENT TIME: Treasure Meyer stated that the tax collection is at 94% collected for the summer 2015 tax season.

Supervisor Blanchette stated that some of the board met with the MCRC to discuss next year's road projects. The MCRC will be writing up estimates for the board to look at and decide what projects to proceed with.

MOTION by Trustee Henderson, Supported by Treasurer Meyer to adjourn. **Motion Carried**

Brenda Fetterly
RaisinvilleTownship Clerk