

COVERT TOWNSHIP OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Covert Township Hall

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Covert Township Board was brought to order by Supervisor Palgen at 7:00 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Supervisor Palgen.

Members Present: K. Harrington, D. Cook, D. Palgen, L. Taylor, M. Rendell

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Harold Schuitmaker, Township Attorney

Public Comment

- Rev. W. C. Askew Sr., Van Buren County Road Commission Chair, gave informational updates to the Board.
- Gail Patterson-Gladney, Van Buren County Commissioner District #1, shared latest developments to the Board.

Guest Speakers

- Dan Hutchins, the new Van Buren District Library Director, addressed the board and shared new programs unique to Covert Branch Library.
- Mick Middaugh, Community Liaison from Entergy, shared current status of Palisades Nuclear Power.

Chief Updates

- Police Chief Allen presented a report to the board.
- Fire Chief Myers presented a report to the board.

Consent Agenda

- *Draft* Minutes of the March 20, 2018 Regular Board Meeting
- Clerk's Invoice Register Report and Payroll Period Reports as presented
- Treasurer's Revenue Receipt Distribution, Banking, & Budget Report as presented
- Police Chief's Report as presented
- Fire Chief's Report as presented

- Public Work Report as presented

Motion by D. Cook, seconded by L. Taylor **to approve** the Consent Agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 5, No: 0 CARRIED

Meeting Minutes and Board Liaison Reports

- March 21, 2018 South Haven Airport Authority Meeting Minutes
- February 21, 2018 Planning Commission “Approved” Meeting Minutes presented by Lonzey Taylor.
- March 21, 2018 Planning Commission “Draft” Meeting presented by Lonzey Taylor.
- February 15, 2018 Park Advisory Committee “Approved” Meeting Minutes presented by Daywi Cook.
- March 27, 2018 Park Advisory Committee “Draft” Meeting Minutes presented by Daywi Cook.
- December 13, 2017 Senior Advisory “Draft” Meeting Minutes presented by Marilyn Rendell.
- March 6, 2018 Board of Review Meeting Minutes presented by Dennis Palgen.
- March 12 and March 17, 2018 Board of Review Meeting Minutes presented by Dennis Palgen.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Motion by D. Palgen, seconded by K. Harrington **to approve** the \$750.00 to cover the expenses for the 2018 Memorial Day Parade and activities.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 5, No: 0 CARRIED

Motion by L. Taylor, seconded by D. Cook **to remove** from the table the Social Media Policy.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 5, No: 0 CARRIED

Motion by D. Palgen, seconded by D. Cook **to approve** as official policy of Covert Township, the Social Media Policy drafted on March 21, 2018 with corrections as noted.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 4, No: 1 CARRIED

Motion by D. Palgen, seconded by K. Harrington **to remove** from the table the Public Use of Township Facilities Policy.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 5, No: 0 CARRIED

Motion by D. Cook, seconded by L. Taylor **to approve** as official policy of Covert Township, the Public Use of Township Facilities Policy drafted on March 20, 2018 as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 3, No: 2 CARRIED

Motion by D. Palgen, seconded by M. Rendell **to approve** \$7,000.00 to the Van Buren County Road Commission for ditching in Covert Township as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 5, No: 0 CARRIED

Motion by D. Palgen, seconded by D. Cook **to approve** \$3,000.00 to the Van Buren County Road Commission for boom mowing in Covert Township as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 5, No: 0 CARRIED

Motion by M. Rendell, seconded by D. Cook **to approve** \$95,268.50.50 to sealcoat the specified township roads within Covert Township as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 5, No: 0 CARRIED

Motion by K. Harrington, seconded by L. Taylor **to approve** the cost of \$5,003.84 to the Van Buren County Road Commission to replace the cross pipe on 76th between CR-378 and 30th Avenue.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 5, No: 0 CARRIED

Motion by D. Palgen, seconded by L. Taylor **to approve** the cost of \$5,573.90 to the Van Buren County Road Commission to replace the cross pipe on 72nd Street between 40th and 36th Avenue.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 5, No: 0 CARRIED

Motion by M. Rendell, seconded by K. Harrington **to approve** paying Van Buren County \$3,508.17 for Covert Township's share of the New Covert Generating Cost Sharing balance due as of March 9, 2018.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 5, No: 0 CARRIED

Motion by M. Rendell, seconded by D. Cook **to approve** paying Van Buren County and the New Covert Generating Cost Sharing Group \$65,000.00 from our Admin Fees collected.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 5, No: 0 CARRIED

Motion by D. Cook, seconded by L. Taylor **to approve** the Budget Amendments to the General Fund as follows:

101.0-390.00-955.000 +\$20,000.00

Blight Removal

101.0-901.00-969.200 +\$27,000.00

Appropriations – Airport Authority

101.0-265.00-970.000 -\$47,000.00

Town Hall Capital Outlay

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 5, No: 0 CARRIED

Motion by L. Taylor, seconded by D. Palgen **to approve** \$1,500.00 for three Covert firefighters to attend the EMT Basic class in Covert Township as presented by Chief Myers.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 5, No: 0 CARRIED

Motion by L. Taylor, seconded by D. Cook **to approve** sending Captain Matt Schimmel to Fire Investigation School with the County team at a cost of \$1,615.00, with the addition of a four-year contract as noted.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 3, No: 2 CARRIED

Motion by M. Rendell, seconded by K. Harrington **to approve** the Senior Advisory Committee's recommendation to budget transfer of \$1,500.00 from Group and Special Transport to Public Transport.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 5, No: 0 CARRIED

Motion by M. Rendell, seconded by D. Cook **to approve** the Senior Advisory Committee's recommendation to re-bidding of Large Socialization for the coming fiscal year.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 5, No: 0 CARRIED

Motion by D. Palgen, seconded by K. Harrington **to approve** the bid from Dale Clayton Tree Service in the amount of \$1350.00 to remove tree #3 and the removal of the small tree directly west of tree #3, and the removal of dead branches from Tree #1 and #2, as identified in the report by Aaron Priebe.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 5, No: 0 CARRIED

Motion by K. Harrington, seconded by L. Taylor **to approve** the Community Survey with notated changes and execute distribution.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 4, No: 1 CARRIED

Motion by D. Cook, seconded by D. Palgen **to table** the proposal from McKenna for Updates to Master Plan Maps in the amount of \$1,800.00 as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 5, No: 0 CARRIED

Motion by L. Taylor, seconded by D. Cook **to approve** the resolution to place the renewal of the previous millage authorized by voters to fund Services for Older Persons as presented on the ballot for the August 7, 2018 election.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 5, No: 0 CARRIED

Motion by D. Palgen, seconded by L. Taylor **to approve** the resolution to place the renewal of the previous millage authorized by voters to fund Ambulance and Fire Protection with notated correction on the ballot for the August 7, 2018 election.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 5, No: 0 CARRIED

Motion by K. Harrington, seconded by M. Rendell **to approve** the resolution to place the renewal of the previous millage authorized by voters to fund Police Protection as presented on the ballot for the August 7, 2018 election.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 5, No: 0 CARRIED

Motion by D. Palgen, seconded by L. Taylor **to approve** the resolution to place the renewal of the previous millage authorized by voters to fund Road Improvement as presented on the ballot for the August 7, 2018 election.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 5, No: 0 CARRIED

Motion by L. Taylor, seconded by D. Palgen **to approve** the quote as presented from Jack's Excavating in the amount of \$7,000 to replace the sidewalk on North Street.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 5, No: 0 CARRIED

Motion by L. Taylor, seconded by D. Cook **to approve** the quote as presented from Shembarger Asphalt in the amount of \$5,455 to sealcoat the parking lot at the Covert Lions Club.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 5, No: 0 CARRIED

Other Items

Motion by D. Cook, seconded by D. Palgen **to approve** \$252,008 to have the Van Buren County Road Commission replace cross pipes in Covert Township as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 5, No: 0 CARRIED

Motion by D. Cook, seconded by D. Palgen to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

Next Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Daywi Cook, *Clerk*