

COVERT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
Covert Township Hall

REGULAR MEETING

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

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Clerk Cook.

A moment of silence to remember the lives lost on 9/11 was led by Clerk Cook.

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

Members Absent: D. Palgen

Also Present: Harold Schuitmaker, Covert Township Attorney

Motion by D. Cook, seconded by M. Rendell **to nominate and appoint** Trustee Harrington to moderate meeting.

CARRIED

Public Comment

- Rev. W. C. Askew, Sr., Van Buren County Road Commissioner, shared progress of Covert projects and that the proposed County Road Millage will appear again in the November General Election.
- Gail Patterson-Gladney, Van Buren County Commissioner District #1, gave a report to the Board on developments from the County.
- Barbara Norman, Covert resident, gave information on the MSU Extension Program and expressed concern over new intersection lights on M-140 at 30th Street and 38th Street.
- Dorothy Holmes, Covert resident, expressed concern for a vacant overgrown lot near her home.
- Margarete Cooper-McDonald, Covert resident, expressed concern about the safety of the unfinished walkway from the Public Housing facility to the Post Office.
- Jack Hess, Owner of Jack's Excavating, stated concern about the incline of the walkway from the Public Housing facility to the Post Office.

- Kathleen Morris, Covert resident, is experiencing flooding during heavy rains in her yard and believes it may be due to the adjacent lot used for storing excess gravel by the County.

Chief Updates

Fire Chief Myers presented an update to the public on Fire Department activities and upcoming “Stop the Bleed” classes to be available to the public.

Consent Agenda

- *Draft* Minutes of the August 8, 2018 Regular Board Meeting
- *Draft* Minutes of the August 14, 2018 Special Board Meeting
- Clerk’s Invoice Register Report and Payroll Period Reports as presented
- Payment of Bills from August 14, 2018 Regular Meeting not approved for payment
- 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 L. Taylor, seconded by K. Harrington, **to approve** the Consent Agenda as presented with changes to the Draft Minutes of the August 8, 2018 Regular Board Meeting.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent: 1 CARRIED

Meeting Minutes and Board Liaison Reports

- July 18, 2018 Planning Commission “Approved” Meeting Minutes and August 15, 2018 Planning Commission “Draft” Meeting Minutes were presented by L.Taylor
- August 8, 2018 Senior Advisory “Draft” Meeting Minutes were presented by M. Rendell
- August 23, 2018 Park Advisory Committee “Draft” Meeting Minutes were presented by D. Cook.

New Business

Motion by D. Cook, seconded by K. Harrington, **to approve** Free Transfer Station Days for two weekends; October 12th and 13th and October 19th and 20th, 2018.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent: 1 CARRIED

Motion by L. Taylor, seconded by M. Rendell, **to amend** the 2018/2019 Senior budget to \$229,845 as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent: 1 CARRIED

Motion by K. Harrington, seconded by D. Cook, **to extend** all the current Senior Contracts to June 30, 2019.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent: 1 CARRIED

Motion by L. Taylor, seconded by D. Cook, **to amend** the 2018/2019 Budget as presented:

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent: 1 CARRIED

101.0-209.00	Assessing	-\$35,050.00
101.0-276.00	Cemetery	\$ 50.00
101.0-692.00	Parks	\$35,000.00

Motion by K. Harrington, seconded by M. Rendell, **to approve** payment of \$125,978.35 to Van Buren County for the refund of overpayment of taxes to New Covert Generating for tax years 2012 thru 2015 and to Bill Bronson Hospital for their share of \$3,535.17.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent: 1 CARRIED

Motion by D. Cook, seconded by K. Harrington, **to approve** the bid from Haven Heating (option 2) in the amount of \$3,797.00 as presented to replace the Air Conditioner Unit at the Covert Township Hall.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent: 1 CARRIED

Motion by M. Rendell, seconded by L. Taylor, **to table** the recommendation of Public Works Manager, George Piggee, to approve the bid from Paul Toney in the amount of \$2,750.00 to paint the light posts as quoted.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent: 1 CARRIED

Motion by L. Taylor, seconded by D. Cook, **to approve** the recommendation of Chief Myers to purchase 4 new sets of firefighting gear at a cost of \$11,217.46.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 3, No: 1, Absent: 1 CARRIED

Motion by L. Taylor, seconded by M. Rendell, **to table** the Park Advisory recommendation as written; using the latest drawings and to solicit bids for the construction of the proposed new washrooms and to appoint one person, to be named at a later date, to oversee construction before construction starts.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent: 1 CARRIED

Information

Trick or Treat – Wednesday October 31, 2018 from 5pm to 6pm at the Police/Fire Complex.

Adjournment

Motion by L. Taylor to adjourn at 8:09 p.m.

Next Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Daywi Cook, *Covert Township Clerk*