

COVERT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, July 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

Public Comment

- Rev. W. C. Askew, Sr., Van Buren County Road Commissioner, introduced Larry Hummel, Highway Engineer-Manager/Department of Public Works Director for Van Buren County Road Commission. L. Hummel presented details on the county's Road New Millage Proposal to levy an additional 3 mils. The proposal will appear on the ballot in the August 7, 2018 election.
- Ella Harrington, Covert resident, asked what decisions have been made regarding the vacant Township buildings in Covert.
- Roma Dodd, Covert resident, complimented the new Supervisor for Hearts at Home In-Home Care, Apiffany Ryno, of Senior Services of Van Buren County.

Informational Update

D. Palgen presented the following information to the public:

- New play equipment is being installed across the street from the Township Hall.

- Bids to replace the two 34th Avenue cross pipes will be opened at the next Road Commission meeting on July 11, 2018. The work is scheduled to be completed by August 31st, 2018.
- The next Board of Review meeting will be July 17, 2018 at 2pm at the Township Hall.
- International Transmission Co. will be doing work in the area.
- We Care I.N.C. has a new Interim Executive Director, Susan Trabucchi. The next meeting will be August 6, 2018 at 7PM at the Township Hall.

D. Cook presented the ballot for the August 7, 2018 Primary Election.

Chief Updates

- Police Chief Allen introduced Covert Township's newest officer, Officer Eric Garcia. Chief Allen also presented latest developments, including an initiative to control loose animals. Covert Police Department will begin strict enforcement of unlicensed or loose animals in two weeks to give residents an opportunity to comply with the law.
- Fire Chief Myers introduced two of seven recent graduates of the Van Buren County Fire Academy, Jazmin Cortez and Melissa Abshire. Chief Myers also presented latest development, including reminding residents that it is "field fire season" and to burn responsibly.

Consent Agenda

- ***Draft*** Minutes of the June 12, 2018 - Regular Board Meeting
- ***Draft*** Minutes of the June 26, 2018 - Special Meeting/public hearing
- ***Draft*** Minutes of the June 27, 2018 – Special Meeting (Housing Commission)
- 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 (handout)

Motion by D. Cook, seconded by M. Rendell, **to approve** the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

Meeting Minutes and Board Liaison Reports

Draft Minutes of the June 21, 2018 Park Advisory Board Meeting were presented by D. Cook.

New Business

Motion by K. Harrington, seconded L. Taylor, **to table** the newly created park on the corner of 34th and M-140 to be named Veterans Memorial Park as recommended by the Park Advisory Board, pending community input.

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

Motion by D. Palgen, seconded by D. Cook, **to approve** Quality Paving to construct a 9ft wide walkway in the amount of \$8575.00 of which the Housing Commission would pay half. This walkway would connect to the existing walkway leading to the parking lot of the Covert Township Post Office contingent upon formal approval at the Housing Commission meeting to be held the week of July 16th.

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

Motion by K. Harrington, seconded by L. Taylor, **to approve** the purchase of a new zero turn lawn mower from Steensma in the amount of \$7,941, as presented.

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

Motion by K. Harrington, seconded by D. Cook, **to approve** the Covert Township Police Department Article 39 Technology Policy as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Yes: 5, No: 0 CARRIED

Motion by L. Taylor, seconded by D. Palgen, **to approve** the purchase of a Ford Police Interceptor from Woodhams Ford in the amount of \$31,522.61 which includes title fee of \$39.00, Brinks Graphics for \$275.00, and Tele-rad Equipment Mount for \$1428.61.
Roll Call Vote: Yes: 5, No: 0 CARRIED

Motion by D. Cook, seconded by L. Taylor, **to approve** to pay Van Buren County and the New Covert Generating Cost Sharing Group \$39,558.00 from the admin fees collected.
Roll Call Vote: Yes: 5, No: 0 CARRIED

Adjournment

Motion by K. Harrington to adjourn at 8:16 p.m.

Next Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Daywi Cook, Covert Township Clerk