

# COVERT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 12, 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 an update on culvert repairs and answered questions on the payment and progress of ditching, cleaning out a culvert on Orchard Street, and other road updates.
- Dorothy Holmes, Covert resident, asked how traffic is able to pass through 34<sup>th</sup> while it is closed.
- Gail Patterson-Gladney, Van Buren County Commissioner District #1, congratulated a new graduate of the KVCC Police Academy, and shared information on a tax refund due to New Covert Generating, a Marijuana enforcement grant and the economic health of the county.
- Nick Culp, Government Liaison from Entergy, shared 75 days since the last scheduled outage.
- Dan Seibert, candidate for Michigan State Representative, introduced himself and shared his mission.

### Guest Speaker

*Luke Miller of West Shore Services, Inc. and William Cable Jr. of Entergy Nuclear, presented the board with a plan to move a digital repeater (digipeater) owned by Entergy that is currently housed at the old Fire Department building. The repeater would be installed at the top of the water tower in Covert Township, with a gas back-up generator installed just west of the tower. The repeater is a part of a redundant alarm system that alerts the public in the event of an emergency. West Shore Services would perform the move and installation.*

Motion by M. Rendell, seconded by D. Palgen, **to approve** the move and installation of the digipeater to the Covert Township Water Tower from the old Fire Department at no cost to the Township.

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

Motion by D. Palgen, seconded by L. Taylor, **to approve** West Shore Services to dismantle the existing antenna at the old fire department and leave onsite at no cost to the Township.

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

### **Chief Updates**

- Police Chief Allen was not present.
- Fire Chief Myers presented an update on the Fire Department, including the success of the Blood/Health Drive, a Knox Box program, the upcoming creation of a safe trading space, and a recent \$10K donation to the department.

### **Consent Agenda**

- \*Draft\* Minutes of the May 8, 2018 Regular Board Meeting
- \*Draft\* Minutes of the May 23, 2018 Special 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 K. Harrington **to approve** the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

### **Meeting Minutes and Board Liaison Reports**

- Senior Advisory Committee: December 13, 2017 Approved Amended Meeting Minutes, and the March 28, 2018 and April 5, 2018 Approved Meeting Minutes were presented by M. Rendell.
- Planning Commission: May 16, 2018 Draft Meeting Minutes were presented by Lonzey Taylor.

## **Unfinished Business**

Motion by K. Harrington, seconded by D. Cook, **to accept** the bid from Doug Myers in the amount of \$4,320 for the 2014 Ford Explorer.

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

## **New Business**

Motion by M. Rendell, seconded by D. Cook, **to approve** advertising the 1992 Pierce #1921 for sealed bid with the minimum bid of \$3,000.

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

Motion by L. Taylor, seconded by K. Harrington, **to approve** Naomi Barnes's hourly rate of pay as Deputy Clerk in the amount of \$14.79 per hour effective May 30, 2018.

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

Motion by D. Palgen, seconded by D. Cook, **to approve** Compton, Inc. to make necessary repairs to the CR 378 lift station, putting South pump back into guides, re-plumb discharge piping, install upper and lower guide, and replace isolation valve and check valve in the amount of \$1,685.

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

Motion by D. Cook, seconded by D. Palgen, **to approve** payment in the amount of \$1,002,200.48 to Van Buren County for the refund of overpayment of taxes from New Covert Generating for tax years 2010 & 2011.

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

Motion by M. Rendell, seconded by D. Palgen, **to deny** the request from the Van Buren United Civic Organization for \$2,430.61 to replace their Senior Lifeline phone service.

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

Motion by D. Palgen, seconded by M. Rendell, **to approve** funding support up to \$500 to the Van Buren Conservation District for participation in the 2018 Household Chemical Waste Collection Program.

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

Motion by D. Palgen, seconded by D. Cook, **to approve** the bid from Jack Hess Excavating in the amount of \$950 for site preparation at Bicentennial Park as presented.

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

Motion by K. Harrington, seconded by L. Taylor, **to approve** the creation and management of an official Facebook page for Covert Township as presented.

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

Motion by D. Cook, seconded by D. Palgen, **to support** the transfer ownership of 2018 SDD License with Sunday Sales Permit (PM) only to Max William, LLC of 31884 M 140 in Covert.

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

Motion by D. Cook, seconded by D. Palgen, **to approve** the bid dated 4/24/18 from Coastal Outdoor Living, Inc. for the installation of river rock at the Fire/Police Complex in the amount of \$3,140 as presented.

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

Motion by M. Rendell, seconded by K. Harrington, **to approve** the \$1,029 to the Van Buren United Civic Organization to cover the Senior transportation budget deficit of \$379, as well as \$650 for June transportation.

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

Motion by D. Palgen, seconded by M. Rendell, **to authorize** the Supervisor or Clerk of Covert Township to sign the waiver of right to purchase tax reverted property acquired by Van Buren County, as presented.

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

Motion by K. Harrington, seconded by L. Taylor, **to approve** Arnt Asphalt to sealcoat and stripe the Fire/Police Complex parking lot at a cost of \$3,400, as presented.

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

Motion by L. Taylor, seconded by D. Cook, **to approve** Bio-Care to provide fire fighter physicals at a cost not to exceed \$8,015.

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

## **Discussion**

D. Palgen shared latest research on leasing the vacant Medical Building and old Fire Station.

**Adjournment**

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

**Next Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**

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Daywi Cook, Covert Township Clerk