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COVERT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at 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.

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

Members Absent: D. Palgen

Motion by D. Cook, seconded by M. Rendell, **to nominate** Trustee Harrington to moderate the meeting in the absence of Supervisor Palgen.

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

Public Comment

- Rev. W. C. Askew, Sr., Van Buren County Road Commissioner, gave an update on costs associated with the recent winter storms and the replacement of mailboxes damaged from plowing.
- Gail Patterson-Gladney, Van Buren County Commissioner District #1, shared latest news from the County, including an upcoming informational meeting on the Lake Michigan shoreline, this Thursday, February 14th at 6PM at Listiak Auditorium.

Informational Update

None

Chief Updates

- Police Chief Allen shared efforts of the department during the recent winter storms, including compiling a list of seniors who need wellness checks. Other news included free training of an officer on the fugitive team and the success of our latest SWET officer.
- Fire Chief Myers stressed the importance of properly installed chimneys and recognized Captain Schimmel and Firefighter/Paramedic Wilkinson for the

successful resuscitation of Covert resident, Mr. Trudell, on November 2018 just two years after the resuscitation of his wife, Mrs. Trudell, in December 2016.

Consent Agenda

- ***Draft*** Minutes of the January 8, 2019 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 L. Taylor, seconded by K. Harrington, **to approve** the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

Meeting Minutes and Board Liaison Reports

- December 11, 2018 Board of Review Meeting Minutes presented.
- November 15, 2018 and draft January 17, 2019 Park Advisory Meeting Minutes were presented by D. Cook
- October 17, 2018 and draft January 16, 2019 Planning Advisory Meeting Minutes were presented by L. Taylor.
- April 4, 2017 and draft January 24, 2019 Salary Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes presented.
- August 8, 2018, September 26, 2018, and draft January 22, 2019 Senior Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes were presented by M. Rendell.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Motion by M. Rendell, seconded by D. Cook, **to approve** the Board exercising its discretion to re-bid the demolition project/elimination of said structures and debris at the properties located at 47119 M-140 (Parcel #80-07-035-029-00), 74229 CR-378 (Parcel #80-07-015-080-00), and 25940 75th Street (Parcel #80-07-003-045-00), as ordered by the Dangerous Hearing Officer and the Covert Township Board, based on newly-discovered information.

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

Motion by M. Rendell, seconded by L. Taylor, **to deny** the purchase of the John Deere Gator XUV560E from Steensma Lawn & Power Equipment in the amount of \$7,243.71 as presented on quote dated January 10, 2019.

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

Motion by K. Harrington, seconded by M. Rendell, **to approve** Police Chief Allen's request to purchase five (5) Glock 23 with night sights and 3 magazines for a total purchase request of \$2,045.00.

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

Motion by D. Cook, seconded by K. Harrington, **to approve** amending the 2018/2019 budget in the amounts of:

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| Planning (101.0-801.00) | \$2,000.00 |
| Library (101.0-738.00) | (\$2,000.00) |

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

Motion by L. Taylor, seconded by D. Cook, **to approve** the purchase a PC Basic in the amount of \$670.00 along with Microsoft Office 2019 for \$249.00 for a total cost of \$919.00 as quoted by IT Right 01.16.2019.

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

Motion by K. Harrington, seconded by L. Taylor, **to deny** the purchase of a Server Basic in the amount of \$4,718.00 as quoted by IT Right January 17, 2019.

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

Motion by L. Taylor, seconded by D. Cook, **to approve** the request of Senior Services of Van Buren County for an additional \$10,000.00 to be applied to the current year Covert Chore Grant, and be moved from the Senior Lifeline budget.

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

Motion by K. Harrington, seconded by L. Taylor, **to approve** appointing Barbara Merriweather to the Housing Commission for the five year term retroactive February 13, 2019 to February 13, 2024.

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

Motion by D. Cook, seconded by K. Harrington, **to deny** appointing Curtis Steward to the Board of Review as an Alternate Member for the two year term effective February 13, 2019 to February 13, 2021.

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

Motion by M. Rendell, seconded by L. Taylor, **to approve** re-appointing Cathy Green, June Parker, Harrison Brigham and Jennifer Oliver to the Salary Advisory Committee effective February 14, 2019 to February 14, 2021.

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

Motion by M. Rendell, seconded by D. Cook, **to approve** re-appointing Pam Baker to the Salary Advisory Committee effective March 14, 2019 to March 14, 2021.

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

Motion by K. Harrington, to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Next Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Daywi Cook, *Township Clerk*