

COVERT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 9, ~~2017~~ 2018 at 7:00 PM

Covert Township Hall

REGULAR MEETING

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

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

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

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Harold Schuitmaker, Covert Township Attorney

Public Comment

- Rev. W. C. Askew Sr., Van Buren County Road Commission Chair, gave informational updates to the Board and addressed questions from the public.
- Gail Patterson-Gladney, Van Buren County Commissioner District #1, gave an annual synopsis and information to the Board.
- Nick Culp, Entergy Government Affairs Manager, gave an update to the Board.

Informational Update

Senior Advisory Committee meeting on Wednesday, January 10 is cancelled.

Chief Updates

Police Chief Allen presented report to the board.

Fire Chief Myers presented report to the board.

Consent Agenda

Motion by L. Taylor, 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

- November 15, 2017 South Haven Regional Airport Authority “Draft” Meeting Minutes were submitted.

- December 20, 2017 South Haven Regional Airport Authority “Draft” Meeting Minutes were submitted.
- December 21, 2017 Park Advisory Committee “Draft” Meeting Minutes were presented by D. Cook.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Motion by D. Palgen, seconded by M. Rendell, **to appoint** Bob Brown and Charles Motton to the Covert Township Planning Commission for a three-year term effective January 9, 2018 thru January 9, 2021.

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

Motion by M. Rendell, seconded by K. Harrington, **to approve** a provision in the Senior Home Repair Services guidelines that requires repairs be done by a licensed contractor by amending to allow non-licensed contractors to do minor repairs.

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

Motion by D. Palgen, seconded by L. Taylor, **to approve** the Township digital sign policy as presented.

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

Motion by D. Cook, seconded by L. Taylor, **to approve** Township cell phone policy as presented.

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

Motion by M. Rendell, seconded by L. Taylor, **to approve** the recommendation of Clerk Cook to issue 3 (three) Township cell phones for Trustee Taylor, Trustee Harrington and DPW employee Jose Saucedo.

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

Motion by M. Rendell, seconded by L. Taylor, **to approve** payment of Van Buren County’s invoice in the amount of \$69,357.29 for New Covert Generating cost sharing of legal fees.

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

Motion by K. Harrington, seconded by L. Taylor, **to approve** the contract amendments regarding the issuance of Township cell phones for the Police Chief, Fire Chief and DPW Manager George Piggee as presented.

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

Motion by D. Palgen, seconded by M. Rendell, **to approve** the recommendation of Park Advisory Committee to accept the bid from Merritt Midwest to draft bid documents for the Covert Park Beach and Campground washroom facility in the amount of \$4,000.00 as presented.

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

Motion by D. Palgen, seconded by D. Cook, **to table** the bid submitted to demolish structures on ~~76255-24th Ave~~, parcel #80-07-002-054-00, until property owner is contacted to remove vehicles and other obstacles.

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

Motion by D. Palgen, seconded by D. Cook, **to accept** the bid from Risky Business in the amount of \$3,000 to demolish the cabin and all outbuildings located on the parcel #80-07-004-003-30 and the debris created thereby removed from the property and the property returned to its natural state.

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

Discussion

Medical Building & Fire Station Building options were discussed by the Board. K. Harrington expressed desire to look into leasing the buildings and D. Cook asked to see numbers to better understand the cost of leasing.

Other Items

Motion by K. Harrington, seconded by M. Rendell, **to approve** the purchase of an exercise rowing machine from Rogue Fitness in the amount of \$895 to be used by the Police and Fire Departments.

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

Motion by L. Taylor, seconded by D. Cook, **to approve** the Fire Department sending Scott Wilkinson to ITC course at a cost of \$1,250.00 with a signed two-year employment contract.

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

Motion by K. Harrington, seconded by M. Rendell, to authorize DPW Manager George Piggee to price a pick-up truck with plow.

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

Adjournment

Motion by D. Cook to adjourn at 8:30p.m.

Next Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

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Covert Township Clerk