

COVERT TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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Tuesday, February 9, 2021

7:00 p.m.

Covert Township Hall Electronic Component

The Regular Meeting of the Covert Township Board was brought to order by Supervisor Palgen at 7:00 p.m.

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

Members Present: N. Barnes (Van Buren Co) Covert MI
K. Harrington (Van Buren Co) Covert MI
D. Palgen (Van Buren Co) Covert MI
B. Rose (Van Buren Co) Covert MI
L. Taylor (Van Buren Co) Covert MI

Absent: None

Public Comment

Covert Township Attorney for Bauckham, Sparks Joshua Thall and Roxanne Seeber reviewed procedures for electronic and telephone meetings.

Rev. W. C. Askew, Sr., Van Buren County Road Commissioner, announced they are looking for qualified drivers, and is happy to report they have a diverse group of employees. He is happy to report the Road Commission is doing well keeping the roads clear and safe for the residents.

Gail Peterson-Gladney, District 1 Van Buren Co. Commissioner, reported Home land security grant renewal for \$688,000.00 for Region 5. Twenty-four-hour Mental Health Assistance is available by calling 1-888-535-6136 then press (8).

Chief Reports

Police Chief Allen reports there have not been any major changes to report. Violent crime is down and there has been a slight decrease in physical assaults. The warrant book is full waiting on the Courts and correctional facilities to reopen. The Police Dept continues to be strategic in providing safety and assurance for our Covert residents.

Acting Chief Jed Wild reports Covid-19 still continues to be a daily issue encountering large population of patients testing positive or exhibiting signs and symptoms. He continues to advocate for the Fire Department to become a designated Covid-19 vaccination distribution center for our Covert residents. However, South Haven’s Walgreen, Meijer and Bronson hospital has online registration for appoints to get vaccinations. The Department is proud to announce their newest addition to the force, Alondra Llerena.

Consent Agenda

- ***Draft*** Minutes of the January 12, 2021 Regular Board Meeting
- Clerk’s Invoice Register Report as presented
- Treasurer’s Revenue Receipt Distribution, Banking, & Budget Report
- Police Chief’s Report as presented
- Fire Chief’s Report as presented
- Public Work Report as presented

Motion by D. Palgen to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented and to Table Treasurer’s Report, Seconded by N. Barnes.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 4 No: 1 CARRIED

Meeting Minutes and Board Liaison Reports

None

Guest Speaker

Matt Holland of Gabridge & Company presented a review of the Covert Township June 30, 2020 Financial Audit.

New Business

Motion by L. Taylor, seconded by N. Barnes to APPROVE the request of the Covert Township Fire Department to purchase a PARATECH Highway Vehicle Safety Kit as quoted by Apollo Fire Equipment in the amount of \$7,530.00.

Roll Call Vote Yes 3 No: 2 CARRIED

Motion by B. Rose, seconded by K. Harrington to APPROVE the cancellation fee rate of \$10.00, increasing the daily pass fee to \$10.00, and the cabin fee to \$65.00 at the Covert Park Beach and Campground effective immediately.

Roll Call Vote Yes: 5 No 0 CARRIED

Motion by L. Taylor, seconded by D. Palgen to APPROVE amending the COVID-19 Preparedness Plan and Response Plan hereby omitting Section 7. Families First Coronavirus Response Act (“FFCRA”): Employee Paid Leave Rights.

Roll Call Vote Yes 3 No 2 CARRIED

Motion by N. Barnes, seconded by K. Harrington to TABLE discussion on Families First Coronavirus Response Act (“FFCRA”): Employee Paid Leave Rights, pending contact with the Labor Attorney for information and alternative methods.

Roll Call Vote: Yes 4 No 1 CARRIED

Motion by D. Palgen, seconded by N. Barnes to APPROVE the Covert Township Resolution: Authorization to Allow Local Residents to Protest in Writing to Board of Review.

Roll Call Vote Yes 5 No 0 CARRIED

Motion by L. Taylor, seconded by K. Harrington to APPROVE the Covert Township 2021 Poverty Exemption Application along with the Poverty Guideline Resolution, and Eligibility Requirements.

Roll Call Vote Yes 5 No 0 CARRIED

Motion by N. Barnes, seconded by L. Taylor to APPROVE Resolution Appointing Enforcement Officers as presented.

Roll Call Vote Yes 4 No 1 CARRIED

Motion by K. Harrington to adjourn.

Next Regular Board Meeting- Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Naomi Barnes, Covert Township Clerk