

COVERT TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Covert Township Hall

73943 Lake St, Covert, MI 49043

Prepared By:

Daywi Cook, Covert Township Supervisor

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AS A COURTESY TO OTHERS PLEASE SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES.
THERE WILL BE TWO PERIODS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT – ONCE AT THE
BEGINNING AND AGAIN AT THE END OF THE MEETING.
PLEASE REFRAIN FROM QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS UNTIL THOSE
DESIGNATED TIMES.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to
approve/deny/table the agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Hartmann: _____, Rendell: _____, Barnes: _____,
Taylor: _____, Cook: _____

4. Commissioner Updates

5. Public Comment – *please keep comments to three (3) minutes.*

6. Informational Updates

- a. Redevelopment Ready Community (MEDC)
- b. Senior Building Update
- c. Blight Elimination Program
- d. RAP Grant – Covert Community Park Update
- e. Spark Grant – North Boardwalk Update
- f. Market Van Buren Annual Event
- g. August Election
- h. Parking Lot Expansion Projects

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Draft Minutes of the June 13, 2023 Regular Board Meeting

- b. Draft Minutes of the joint Planning Commission and Township Board June 7, 2023
- c. Clerk's Invoice Register Report and Payroll Report
- d. Treasurer's Revenue Receipt Distribution, Banking and Budget Report
- e. Fire & Police Department Report
- f. Department of Public Works Report
- g. FOIA Request Report
- h. Senior Services Report
- i. Safebuilt Permits Report

Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve/deny/table the Consent Agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Hartmann: _____, Rendell: _____, Barnes: _____, Taylor: _____, Cook: _____

8. BOARD AND COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

- a. FINAL Salary Advisory Committee 4/6/23
- b. Senior Advisory Committee CANCELLED
- c. DRAFT Historical Museum Advisory Committee 6/12/23
- d. DRAFT Park Advisory Committee 6/15/23
- e. DRAFT Planning Commission 6/21/23
- f. DRAFT Airport Authority 6/21/23
- g. DRAFT Community Garden Advisory Committee 6/30/23

9. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Project #497.3057, the 72506 26th Ave Ditching Project, in the amount of \$17,294.56 in Township funds, as presented by the VBC Road Commission.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to remove from the table Project #497.3057, the 72506 26th Ave Ditching Project, in the amount of \$17,294.56 in Township funds.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Rendell: _____, Barnes: _____, Hartmann: _____, Taylor: _____, Cook: _____

Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve/deny/table Project #497.3057, the 72506 26th Ave Ditching Project, in the amount of \$17,294.56 in Township funds as presented by the Van Buren Co Road Commission.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Rendell: _____, Barnes: _____, Hartmann: _____, Taylor: _____, Cook: _____

13. NEW BUSINESS

a. TextMyGov Presentation & Proposal

Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve/deny/table the two-year contract with TextMyGov in the amount of \$3,700 annually and \$1,850 one-time setup fee, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Rendell: _____, Barnes: _____, Hartmann: _____, Taylor: _____, Cook: _____

b. \$168,123.67 in RevShare Funds (Special Millage Allocation)

Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve/deny/table allocating \$ _____ in RevShare Funds toward the following projects: _____, _____, _____.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Rendell: _____, Barnes: _____, Hartmann: _____, Taylor: _____, Cook: _____

c. 2023 Van Buren County Road Commission Sealcoat Program Sheet

The board has been presented with a full recommendation by the VBCRC and a prioritized option based on condition and traffic counts.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve/deny/table Project Sheet #497.3001 in the amount of \$ _____ to Trap Rock Seal Coat specific roads in Covert Township, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Rendell: _____, Barnes: _____, Hartmann: _____, Taylor: _____, Cook: _____

d. 2023 Van Buren County Road Commission Fog Seal Program Sheet

The board has been presented with a full recommendation by the VBCRC and a prioritized option based on condition and traffic counts.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve/deny/table Project Sheet #497.3078 in the amount of \$ _____ to fog seal specific roads in Covert Township, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Rendell: _____, Barnes: _____, Hartmann: _____, Taylor: _____, Cook: _____

e. 2023 Van Buren County De-Berming Program Sheet

The board has been presented with a full recommendation by the VBCRC. It is recommended all listed roads be considered for de-berming.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve/deny/table Project Sheet #497.3088 in the amount of \$ _____ to perform de-berming of specific roads in Covert Township, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Rendell: _____, Barnes: _____, Hartmann: _____, Taylor: _____, Cook: _____

f. DPW South Overhead Door Operator

Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve/deny/table proposal 1-9734 from Overhead Door Company of Kalamazoo in the amount of \$2,681 plus \$48 for each 1-button remote control transmitter as needed and electrical work, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Rendell: _____, Barnes: _____, Hartmann: _____, Taylor: _____, Cook: _____

g. Indiana Michigan Power NEW Easement Agreement

Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve/deny/table authorizing Supervisor Cook to sign the new Distribution Easement Agreement with Indiana Michigan Power Company, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Rendell: _____, Barnes: _____, Hartmann: _____, Taylor: _____, Cook: _____

h. Medic 1 Mutual Aid Agreement

Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve/deny/table authorizing Supervisor Cook to sign the Mutual Aid Agreement with Medic 1, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Rendell: _____, Barnes: _____, Hartmann: _____, Taylor: _____, Cook: _____

i. Police Department Forensic Costs for Cold Case

Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve/deny/table the proposal from Identifinders International, to perform DNA Extractor services on behalf of the Covert Police Department and the State of Michigan for an ongoing investigation in the amount of \$2,250, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Rendell: _____, Barnes: _____, Hartmann: _____, Taylor: _____, Cook: _____

j. Adoption of Uniform Fire Code Ordinance

Due to size of file, please refer to link in email as reference.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve/deny/table adopting the Uniform Fire Code Ordinance, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Rendell: _____, Barnes: _____, Hartmann: _____, Taylor: _____, Cook: _____

k. Brian Knotek Attorney Invoice

Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve/deny/table paying statement #230603 for services rendered 9/16/2022 through 5/18/2023 in the amount of \$22,967, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Rendell: _____, Barnes: _____, Hartmann: _____, Taylor: _____, Cook: _____

l. NCG Cost Share Balance of \$45,513.55 (Fiscal Year 2021-2022)

Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve/deny/table paying invoice #22-365 from Van Buren County in the amount of \$45,513.55, to cover 50% of the attorney costs related to NCG litigation for services rendered in 2021-2022, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Rendell: _____, Barnes: _____, Hartmann: _____, Taylor: _____, Cook: _____

m. Rental Ordinance No 54 Fee Amendment

To be provided by Attorney Kaufman to allow fee changes by resolution.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve/deny/table the ordinance amendment to allow changes to the rental registration fees by resolution, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Rendell: _____, Barnes: _____, Hartmann: _____, Taylor: _____, Cook: _____

n. Resolution to Increase Rental Registration Fee

To be provided by Attorney Kaufman to consider increasing rental registration fees.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve/deny/table the resolution to increase rental registration fees to \$125, effective immediately.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Rendell: _____, Barnes: _____, Hartmann: _____, Taylor: _____, Cook: _____

o. 2023 Provident A&H Renewal

Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve/deny/table enrolling in the Provident Accident and Health Policy Plan # _____, in the amount of \$ _____, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Rendell: _____, Barnes: _____, Hartmann: _____, Taylor: _____, Cook: _____

p. Revocation Of a Conditional Rezoning Agreement by Ordinance

Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve/deny/table the Revocation of a Conditional Rezoning Agreement by Ordinance, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Rendell: _____, Barnes: _____, Hartmann: _____, Taylor: _____, Cook: _____

14.CLOSED SESSION

Under the authority of Act 267 of 1976, Sec. 8. (c)

For strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement if either negotiating party requests a closed hearing.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve/deny/table entering into closed session under the authority of Act 267 of 1976, Sec. 8. (c)

ROLL CALL VOTE: Hartmann: _____, Rendell: _____, Barnes: _____,
Taylor: _____, Cook: _____

15.Public Comment – *please keep comments to three (3) minutes.*

16.Any Other Business

17.Adjourn

Motion by _____, to adjourn at _____ PM.

**Next Regular Township Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 6:00 PM
at the Covert Township Hall, 73943 Lake Street.**