

COVERT TOWNSHIP
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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2023
COVERT TOWNSHIP HALL, 7393 LAKE ST. COVERT MI 49043

The Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Supervisor D. Cook, followed by the pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: D. Cook, N. Barnes, M. Rendell and L. Taylor

Members Absent: J. Hartmann

Motions Carried

Motion by D. Cook, seconded by N. Barnes to approve the agenda with changes, and additions as presented.

Motion passed by all in favor saying yes. Opposed: None

COMMISSIONER UPDATES

Commissioner Gayle Patterson Gladney provided updates included the following: Coastal leadership training, \$50,000 towards rural readiness to target housing analysis, briefly addressed ARPA Funds and the Youth Initiative Program.

Commissioner W. C. Askew updated the board on the continuation of the seal coating in the area due to problems with washout, and the county is still actively boom mowing to ensure clear vision on the roadways.

Public Comment

None

INFORMATIONAL UPDATES

- a. RAP Grant – Covert Community Park Update
 - b. Spark Grant – North Boardwalk Update
 - a. Parking Lot Expansion Projects
 - b. Jerry Sarno Community Center Inspection (Lion’s Club Building)

Motion by M. Rendell, seconded by L. Taylor to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0 Motion Carried

c. Senior Advisory Committee CANCELLED

- d. DRAFT Historical Museum Advisory Committee 7/10/23
pending report

- e. DRAFT Board of Review 7/18/23
- f. DRAFT Park Advisory Committee 7/20/23
- g. FINAL Planning Commission 7/21/23
- h. DRAFT Planning Commission 7/19/23
- i. DRAFT Airport Authority 7/19/23
- j. DRAFT Community Garden Advisory Committee 7/28/23
- k. DRAFT Ordinance Review Board 8/7/23

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by D. Cook, seconded by M. Rendell to approve the resolution regarding rental registration fees with the following fee schedule:

Rental Registration	\$ 125.00
Late fee for Rental Registration	\$ additional \$50.00
First Inspection	\$ Free- covered by rental registration
30 Day Inspection	\$82.00
60 Day Inspection	\$82.00

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0 Motion Carried

PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Section 6 of Covert Township Ordinance No. 84, “Dangerous Building Ordinance” and the statutes of the State of Michigan, a hearing regarding the land and premises situated at 78910 CR376 within Covert Township (Parcel # 80-0-029-001-00) will be held. The purpose of the hearing is to provide opportunity for the property owner to show cause before the Covert Township Board why the structure has not been demolished as ordered by the Dangerous Buildings Hearing Officer on January 25, 2023. This property has been sold to a new owner since this order was made.

Motion by D. Cook, seconded by L. Taylor, to approve opening the public hearing.

Motion passed by all in favor saying yes. Opposed: 0

Motion by D. Cook, seconded by N. Barnes to approve closing the public hearing.

Motion passed by all in favor saying yes. Opposed: 0

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by D. Cook, seconded by L. Taylor to approve modifying the order of the Dangerous Building Officer to demolish the residence structure identified at 78910 CR376, upon which the cost will be assessed upon the tax rolls as a lien against the property.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0 Motion Carried

Motion by D. Cook, seconded by L. Taylor to approve Fleis & Vandenbrink to perform additional sampling as needed to complete a report to EGLE, in the amount of \$2,400, as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 4 No:0 Motion Carried

Motion by N. Barnes, seconded by D. Cook to approve the request of the Covert Lions Club for Covert Township to be the applicant to MDOT for a parade permit to conduct a Mexican Independence Day Parade down M-140, on 9/16/23, pending consultation with insurance company as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0 Motion Carried

Motion by L. Taylor, seconded by N. Barnes to approved Martin Flag Company deductible of \$1,000 towards repairs and labor for Township Flag Pole that was damaged by Motor vehicle.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0 Motion Carried

Motion by D. Cook, seconded by L. Taylor to approve replacement of three faucets at the Covert Park and Campground in the amount of \$996.00.

Roll Call Vote: Yes:4 No: 0 Motion Carried

Motion by L. Taylor, seconded by N. Barnes, to approve purchasing a 2023 Ford vehicle for the Police Department, in the amount of \$61,259, as presented in quote 231027SR from Statewide Ford.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0 Motion Carried.

Motion by D. Cook, seconded by L. Taylor to approve McKenna and Associates administer the public input survey with additional questions on downtown area, walkability, coastal erosion and other concerns with Supervisor D. Cook to oversee.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0 Motion Carried

Motion by L. Taylor, seconded by M. Rendell to table authorizing Supervisor Cook to sign the Tax Tribunal and Appeal Litigation Cost Sharing Agreement with Van Buren County, pending the Supervisor, another board member, meeting with Van Buren County and their attorneys.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0 Motion Carried

Motion by L. Taylor, seconded by M. Rendell to approve paying invoice 23-0000389 in the amount of \$64,196.92 to Van Buren County for half of the NCG Tax Tribunal and Appeal Litigation Cost, as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0 Motion Carried

Motion by L. Taylor, seconded by D. Cook to approve renewing the general liability insurance with BHS Insurance in the amount of \$104,624, as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0 Motion Carried

Motion by D. Cook, seconded by M. Rendell to approve Ordinance No. 106, Ordinance Addressing Floodplain Management Provisions of the Sate Construction Code, as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0 Motion Carried

Motion by L. Taylor, seconded by N. Barnes, to approve authorizing supervisor Cook to sign the METRO Act Right of Way Permit Extension Agreement with AT&T Michigan to expire December 31, 2028, as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0 Motion Carried

Motion by L. Taylor, seconded by N. Barnes to approve authorizing Supervisor Cook to sign a letter to SHAWSA requesting an amendment to the SHAWSA contract to permit Covert Township to have representation on the authority board, as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0 Motion Carried

The property owner has signed an agreement with the State Land Bank Authority and Covert Township to raze the structure at 32916 Orchard St. Requests for proposals were sent out to five excavating companies to complete the demolition and cleanup of this building, per specifications set forth by the State Land Bank Authority. BID #1 Compton \$ 12,635.00

BID #2 Risky Business \$9,125.00 - BID #3 Jensen's \$24,780.00

Motion by D. Cook, seconded by L. Taylor to approve hiring Compton in the amount of \$12,635.00 to perform the demolition of the house on 32916 Orchard Street, as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 3 No: 1 Motion Carried

The property owner has signed an agreement with the State Land Bank Authority and Covert Township to raze the structure at 33081 Cemetery Street. Requests for proposals were sent out to five excavating companies to complete the demolition and cleanup of this building, per specifications set forth by the State Land Bank Authority.

Bid#1 Jensen's \$ 21,420.00 Bid#2 Risky Business \$12,380.00 and Bid#3 \$21,905.00

Motion by L. Taylor, seconded by D. Cook to approve hiring Risky Business in the amount of \$12,380.00 to perform the demolition of the house on 33081 Cemetery Street, as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0 Motion Carried

Motion by M. Rendell, seconded by D. Cook to approve posting the Covert Park Beach and Campground Manager position and hold open interviews for the 2024 camping season.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0 Motion Carried

Motion by D. Cook, seconded by M. Rendell to approve appointing five people to an interview panel, for the purpose of interviewing candidates for a Covert Park Beach and Campground Manager for the 2024 camping season. Members of the panel shall be:

1. Jean Hartmann
2. Daywi Cook
3. Christy Zwenger
4. Jay Allen

5. George Pigeo

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0 Motion Carried

Public Comment

None

Any Other Business

Resignation announcement of Clerk and Deputy Clerk positions.

Motion to D. Cook to adjourn at 8:53 PM.

Next Regular Township Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the Covert Township Hall, 73943 Lake Street.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Naomi Barnes, Covert Township Clerk

