

## THORNAPPLE TOWNSHIP BOARD

### Regular Meeting, Monday, December 10, 2018

1. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bremer at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall, followed by the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by those present.
2. Present: Mike Bremer, Curt Campbell, Ross DeMaagd, Jake Jelsema, Sandy Rairigh, and Cindy Willshire. Absent: Deb Buckowing (excused). Also present: Chief Randy Eaton, Sarah Handlogten, Alexis Huizinga, Deputy Chief Rod Preslar, Eric Schaefer, Stephanie Skidmore, Commissioner Dan Parker and Ian Watson.
3. **MOTION** by Campbell, support by Rairigh to approve the Printed Agenda as Printed. **MOTION APPROVED** with 6 yes voice votes.
4. **MOTION** by Campbell, support by DeMaagd to approve the Consent Agenda as Printed. **MOTION APPROVED** with 6 yes voice votes.

#### First Public Comment

5. None.

#### County Report

6. Commissioner Parker reported on the activities of the Barry County Commissioners, including but not limited to, Commissioners are still looking at the structure of the Health Department and whether the County should have its own department rather than split between two counties. Parker stated that he is actively looking into broadband solutions for the county and meeting with a company that successfully rolled out a viable solution in Cass County. In addition, Parker stated that the Commissioners filled the open spots on the County Boards and some of the positions were filled by Middleville residents.

#### Reserved Time

7. None.

#### Discussion/Payment of Current Bills

8. **MOTION** by Willshire, support by Campbell to pay current bills totaling \$102,426.92. Roll call vote: Bremer, yes; Willshire, yes; Buckowing, absent; Jelsema, yes; DeMaagd, yes; Campbell, yes; Rairigh, yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### Clerk's Report

9. None.

#### Treasurer's Report

10. None.

#### Emergency Services Report

11. Motion to approve the required pre-hire screenings for part-time EMT applicant Mackenzie Chamberlain. **MOTION** by Buckowing, support by Campbell to approve the required pre-hire screenings for Mackenzie Chamberlain pending a successful interview with the TTES officers. **MOTION APPROVED** with 6 yes voice votes.

### Planning and Zoning Report

12. Zoning Administrator's Report and Code Enforcement Report are contained within the Consent Agenda.

### Unfinished Business

13. Strategic Planning – Ad-hoc committee for Goal 3: Parks and Rec. and Goal 5: Board Procedures and Best Practices for Meetings. Bremer read the Vision that was developed as part of Strategic Planning sessions that is included on the Board Meeting agenda. Bremer stated he hoped to restart conversations in the Spring with landowners adjacent to the Thornapple River to determine whether any land acquisition is possible.

### New Business

1. Ordinance No. 05-2018: Prohibition of Recreational Marihuana Establishments Ordinances. **MOTION** by Jelsema, support by Willshire to adopt Ordinance No. 05-2018: Prohibition of Recreational Marihuana Establishments Ordinance. DeMaagd indicated that he could not support the proposed Ordinance in its current format where it states "all marihuana establishments" are prohibited. DeMaagd stated that he feels that property owners should be able to utilize their property to produce medical marihuana and he thought that the Planning Commission was tasked into looking into this policy. Bremer stated that the Ordinance actually states that "Thornapple Township hereby prohibits all marihuana establishments within the boundaries of the Township pursuant to Initiated Law 1 of 2018, as may be amended." Bremer stated that this sentence of the proposed Ordinance limits its scope to recreational marihuana only. Jelsema stated that the Ordinance is pretty clear that it is limited to recreational marihuana only. Jelsema provided some background information from his work with the State of Michigan and the need to "opt out" of facilities within the Township until ambiguous legislative language is defined over the next year. Campbell quoted the Caledonia Township Supervisor who stated, "let's build a fence to say no but you can always add a gate later". DeMaagd stated that based upon Jelsema's clarification, he is comfortable with voting on the Ordinance. Roll call vote: Bremer, yes; Willshire, yes; Buckowing, absent; Jelsema, yes; DeMaagd, yes; Campbell, yes; Rairigh, yes. **MOTION CARRIED**. Bremer stated that this Ordinance will go into effect thirty days after publication in the Sun & News. Willshire stated that she will send it to the Sun & News for publication this Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.
2. Budget amendments: Willshire provided an overview of the proposed Budget amendments. Amendments include:
  - a. 101-000-402.000: Current Amount: 258,636.00 to Amended Amount: 254,612.00
  - b. 101-000-447.000: Current Amount: 113,400.00 to Amended Amount: 110,541.00
  - c. 101-000-574.000: Current Amount: 380,000.00 to Amended Amount: 383,275.00
  - d. 101-000-626.100: Current Amount: 8,150.00 to Amended Amount: 8,260.00

- e. 101-191-719.000: Current Amount: 0.00 to Amended Amount: 50.00
  - f. 101-191-730.000: Current Amount: 3,000.00 to Amended Amount: 2,900.00
  - g. 101-191-740.000: Current Amount: 5,400.00 to Amended Amount: 5,450.00
  - h. 205-000-402.000: Current Amount: 507,036.00 to Amended Amount: 499,340.00
  - i. 205-206-999.000: Current Amount: 354,925.00 to Amended Amount: 349,538.00
  - j. 205-303-999.000: Current Amount: 101,407.00 to Amended Amount: 99,868.00
  - k. 205-403-999.000: Current Amount: 50,704.00 to Amended Amount: 49,934.00
  - l. 206-000-699.000: Current Amount: 354,925.00 to Amended Amount: 349,538.00
  - m. 303-000-699.000: Current Amount: 101,407.00 to Amended Amount: 99,868.00
  - n. 403-205-699.000: Current Amount: 50,704.00 to Amended Amount: 49,934.00
  - o. **MOTION** by Jelsema, support by Rairigh to approve the presented budget amendments.  
**MOTION APPROVED** with 6 yes voice votes.
3. Verbal Report from TTES Relocation Ad-hoc Committee: Bremer reported that the Committee has met, and the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. Bremer stated that the Committee identified fourteen properties and narrowed it down to five locations. Chief Eaton and Deputy Chief Preslar are in the process of reviewing the five locations to determine which properties might best meet the department's needs. Campbell stated that he read in the Sun & News that the Lions Club is in talks to purchase the former fire barn to turn into a community center and would like a community center discussion added to this committee's tasks.
4. Reappoint Liz Hansson to the Planning Commission for a three (3) year term to expire 11/30/21. **MOTION** by Campbell, support by DeMaagd to reappoint Liz Hansson to the Planning Commission for a three (3) year term to expire 11/30/21. **MOTION APPROVED** with 6 yes voice votes.

### Committee Reports

- 5. Administration: None.
- 6. Cemetery: None.
- 7. Elections: Willshire stated that there will be a recount in regard to the Grand Rapids Community College Trustee election on Thursday, December 13, 2018.
- 8. Emergency Services: No further updates.
- 9. Finance: No further updates.
- 10. Parks and Recreation Representative: Bremer stated that Cory Robinette resigned from the TAPRC Board and the Township is placing an ad in this week's Sun & News looking for a new Township representative to the Board.
- 11. Personnel – Compensation: None.
- 12. Property, Public Utilities: Jelsema provided a brief overview of the November 20<sup>th</sup> committee meeting and the members hope to advertise RFPs for projects in 2019.
- 13. Roads and Highways: Jelsema indicated that a committee meeting was held on November 20<sup>th</sup>. Campbell attended the Duncan Lake Neighborhood Association meeting and stated that a letter is going out from the Association to the Noffke residents to determine whether there is interest in a special assessment to fix Noffke Drive. Responses are due back by the end of December.

### SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

**POLL OF MEMBERS:**

Jake Jelsema, Trustee: None.

Sandra Rairigh, Trustee: Rairigh asked whether the Township should be looking at the steps involved with allowing medical marihuana grow facilities. Bremer stated he thought the Township was in a “wait and see” period to determine successes and weaknesses of other communities engaged in medical marihuana grow facilities and for the legislation to be further defined. DeMaagd stated that he would like to speak with members of the medical marihuana community to determine how they are impacted by the passage of the recreational marihuana law.

Curt Campbell, Trustee: None.

Ross DeMaagd, Trustee: DeMaagd asked clarifying questions regarding the Charter easement request and whether it stipulates exclusivity with the company.

Deb Buckowing, Treasurer: Absent.

Cindy Willshire, Clerk: None.

Mike Bremer, Supervisor: Bremer discussed the 2019 Barry County Leadership Training Program which runs from February through June 2019. Bremer stated that Sandy Williams will be attending this year on behalf of Thornapple Township.

**MOTION** by Jelsema, support by Campbell to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION APPROVED** with 6 yes voice votes.

Adjournment of meeting by Supervisor at 8:00 p.m.

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Stephanie L. Skidmore, Recording Secretary

Approved 1/14/2019