Ogemaw Township Regular Board Meeting

March 14, 2018

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor, Denis Stephens, at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Sandy Hodgins, Renee Ryland, Tracy Turner & Denis Stephens. Absent: Ron Dantzer

Also Present: Virginia Linsenman, Yvonne DeRoso and County Commissioner, Craig Scott

Additions to the agenda: Denis has Correspondence from the City of West Branch. Yvonne has information regarding the property for sale, it can be discussed with the unfinished business-property lease.

Motion by Renee, second by Sandy to approve the minutes from the January 3, 2018 meeting and the special meeting from March 8, 2018. All in favor, motion carries.

No Public Comment.

Treasurers report was received and filed.

County Commissioner was given by Craig Scott.

Unfinished Business

1. Yvonne reported that the company previously interested in leasing the property for a solar farm is no longer perusing the property.
2. Yvonne reported there is an offer on the property from another company. She presented the offer of a purchase price of $40,000, with a non-refundable deposit of $4000 with option for 12 months to be applied to the purchase price if the option is exercised and Water assessment be reduced to $50,000. Motion by Renee, Second by Tracy to counter offer $6000 down, leaving the purchase price at $40,000 and the Water Assessment at $50,000 to be paid over 5 year with 5.22% interest. Roll Call: Sandy-yes, Tracy-yes, Ron-absent, Denis-yes, Renee-yes. Motion carried.

New Business

1. Dawn Gentz, Northern Michigan Assessing resigned as of April 1st. Denis submitted a proposal from MVW and Associates for $11 per parcel for Assessment Administration and $5 per parcel for Annual Inspection of 20% of real parcels. Motion by Renee, second by Sandy to accept the proposal and pay the Assessment Administration as wages and pay the annual inspection separate when the services are actually performed. Roll Call: Denis-yes, Sandy-yes, Renee-yes, Ron-absent, Tracy-yes. Motion carried.
2. Ogemaw Township is the only township that does not have an admin fee on the property tax bill. Other Townships have a 1% admin fee. There was discussion whether to add a flat fee or a percentage. This fee can be used for any expense related to property taxes, such as assessing, billing or postage. Motion by Sandy, second by Tracy to start putting a ½% admin fee on the property tax bills. Roll call: Renee-no, Denis-yes, Tracy-yes, Sandy-yes, Ron-absent. Motion carries.
3. Motion by Denis, second by Renee to sign the franchise agreement from Charter Communications with 0% fees. All in favor, motion carries.

Correspondence

1. Letter from the City of West Branch regarding the amount of electronic being taken to recycle by St. Vincent DePaul store. Denis will speak with St Vincent DePaul to see if there is a way to limit the electronics.

Other Business

1. Motion by Renee, Second by Renee to approve the budget adjustments. Water repair & maintenance in the amount of $500 to be taken from utilities and Board of Review workshop in the amount of $100 to be taken from wages. Roll call: Sandy-yes, Tracy-yes, Ron-absent, Denis-yes, Renee-yes. Motion carries.

Reports from the board

1. DDA had a joint meeting in January. Next joint meeting is April 19th. The joint DDA discussed having an advisory board with one DDA member and one Park/Rec member from each municipality. The advisory board is to discuss future plans and possible apply for grants. Van Sheltrown is ~~will~~ the representative from the DDA, but still need a member of the planning committee. Wayfinding sign is set to be placed on the NW corner of the Miner property parcel 1 pending approval from the Miner's real estate agent and attorney. MDOT requested a change in the pathway plan; the change has been made and resubmitted.
2. Tracy received a maintenance contract from Wolverine for the generator at the well house. Motion by Denis, second by Renee to sign the agreement with a 1 hour load bank. Roll call: Sandy-yes, Ron-absent, Renee-yes, Denis-yes, Tracy-yes. Motion carries.
3. John Operman requested using water from the hydrants when doing the grinding work on I75. Motion by Denis, second Renee to allow him to get water from the hydrants for $5 per 1000 gallons. All in favor, motion carries.
4. Culvert on Ripley is rising. After frost comes out of the ground, it should go back down.

Motion by Renee, second by Sandy to pay the bills.

General Fund $26093.92

Water Operating $1105.29

Sewer Billing $753.81

Roll Call: Tracy-yes, Denis-yes, Sandy-yes, Renee-yes, Ron-absent. Motion carries

Motion by Denis, second by Renee to adjourn. Meeting closed at 8:55p.m.

Tracy L Turner
Clerk