

Regular Meeting of the
Board of Trustees of Ingham Township
September 18, 2017

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Elliott at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call: Present: Trustee Braman, Clerk Parsons, Supervisor Elliott

Absent: Treasurer Speck, Trustee Harns

Pledge was recited

Previous Month's Minutes: Braman made the motion which was supported by Harns to approve the previous meeting's minutes as submitted. All in favor

Girl Scout Troop 30493 Presentation:

Lynn Harper, CADLE Dansville Branch Librarian introduced Troop 30493 so they could present their library project that they completed this summer. The troop presented a slide show showing the steps they went through to make a sand box that is now in the yard of the library for all to enjoy. They completed the project to receive their Bronze Award. Supervisor Elliott gave them much praise and thanked them for their service and contribution to the library.

Fire Fighter Association Report: Stacey Barrett spoke for the group of association members requesting the use of the building and the fire equipment to host a Halloween Safety Open house and a pancake breakfast at a later date. Parsons explained that the township does not allow for the public to use township property and the association is not a township entity so therefore, they could not use the property. Members of the association questioned the policy. Parsons stated that information received from MTA attorney and township attorney recommends that the township not allow the association to use the equipment since it is not available to the public. Parsons also stated that this has been discussed in prior meetings with the same explanation. Parsons recommended that the open house be sponsored by the fire department. Braman made the motion which was supported by Parsons that the Fire Department sponsor the open house in cooperation with the association. All in favor.

Citizens' Comments:

Fred Gailey requested an update on the investigation at the Warvel property on Carter Rd. by the fire department and the DEQ. Elliott stated that the DEQ investigated and reported that there were no issues. Gailey stated his concerns about why the compost fire was allowed to burn, the severity of the fire required two fire departments and that material was being hauled in for composting and if there was a permit.

John Warvel responded; he believes the fire was set on purpose. He is installing cameras. He is composting and recycling material on the property and the DEQ knows and approves.

Elliott stated that the DEQ is monitoring it and the air quality but asked that both parties contact him to work out issues so that neighbors are not fighting.

Assistant Chief Scott Speck stated that the reasoning behind needing two departments was because of the location of fire, a working gravel pit, lay of the land and the safety of his fire fighters.

Supervisor Elliott reiterated that the DEQ was monitoring.

Fire Department Reports: Chief Bob Battige presented reports. He also presented an estimate to hire a company to finish the flag pole space in the front of the department and asked the township to pay half of the cost.

Braman made the motion which was supported by Parsons to pay \$4900 towards the flagpole and brick installation. Roll: Ayes, Braman, Parsons, Elliott. Motion passed.

Chief stated that Mason Fire is willing to sell their grass rig to the township for \$1.00. Braman made the motion to purchase grass rig for \$1.00 which was supported by Parsons. Roll: Ayes, Braman, Parsons, Elliott. Motion passed

Chief also requested approval to pay Stacey Barrett and hourly rate to help catch up on state reports. Braman made the motion which was supported by Parsons pay Barrett an hourly rate to complete state reports. Roll: Ayes, Braman, Parsons, Elliott. Motion passed

Chief stated that the department would like to donate all of their old unused gear to a department in the Upper Peninsula. Braman made the motion which was supported by Parsons to donate unused old gear to fire department in Upper Peninsula. Roll: Ayes, Braman, Parsons, Elliott. Motion passed.

Parsons stated that a liability release was required, Mike Yanz will ensure this happens.

Fred Gailey asked Chief why his messages that were left on the answering machine were returned. Chief said he did not receive them. Speck stated they were working on a procedure and protocol for the answering machine.

Payment of Bills: Braman made the motion which was supported by Parsons to pay the township and fire department bills as submitted. Roll: Ayes: Braman, Parsons, Elliott. Motion passed.

Adjournment: Braman made the motion which was supported by Parsons to adjourn. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55

Respectfully submitted by



Marie E Parsons, Clerk

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