

Ingham Township Board of Trustee
Regular Meeting
May 21, 2018

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

Pledge was recited

Roll: Present: Trustee Braman, Trustee Harns, Treasurer Speck, Clerk Parsons, Supervisor Elliott

Minutes: Braman made the motion which was supported by Harns to accept the April minutes as submitted. All in favor.

Public Comment:

- Supervisor Elliott recognized people in the audience who were attending to discuss the gravel pit situation on M36 so Elliott opened the conversation with an overview of the situation. The pit is a pit that is grandfathered because it was created before the township had ordinances regulating mining activity. Elliott asked the pit operator his plans for the land. John Warvel stated that he was asked to mine and remove the small amount of gravel that was left on the land. The previous owner passed away 3 years ago and has been sold to a family member. The plan is to create a 4-acre pond and smooth out the hills and to be completed in one year.

Lisa Braman requested to speak on the matter. She is a home owner adjacent to the pit. She states that the trucks begin at 6 am in the morning and often do not stop until 3:00 am. She also had concerns about an oil skin showing up in the stream behind her house.

Elliott asked Warvel about the hours of operation. Warvel explained that the night mining is occurring because they are supplying sand and gravel to a project on 96 and it is only being done at night. He says there are only working at night so that is only when the trucks can haul the product to them and he only has 16 more nights scheduled.

Braman requested the work not start so early and that the drivers be more respectful with their breaks.

Warvel stated that he will discuss with he drivers the loud break issues and not start until 7:00.

Speck stated that she would like Warvel to address with the drivers the issue of stopping to let emergency personnel go by and not pull out in front of them. He will address it.

Harns stated that this should have not been handled in public comment. Public should only address the board and not each other.

- Mike Yanz asked the board to add Dakin Road to the proposed road repairs for the summer. Speck stated that it has already been placed on the list.

Library Yearly Report:

- Lynn Harper presented the township board with the CADL Yearly Report (attached) and updated the board with several positive changes that have occurred. She also updated the board on the specific things

that the Dansville Branch has been doing for the community including outreach to the schools and preschools, girl scouts, Lady Bugs and the Dexter Trail Questers.

She also stated that she is still planning on participating with the Township Board by attaining a grant to place a story board walk along the Freer Park walking path when that is completed.

Fire Department:

- Chief Speck submitted reports
- Flag poles are being installed
- FD participated with the DHS graduation ceremony providing parking and medical coverage.
- Chief Speck has been in meetings with the school to prepare for the summer school sessions and the increased construction.
- FD will be participating in the Memorial Day Parade
- Purchase Requests:
Thermo Imaging Camera \$6300
Cascade System w/installation \$32000
Harns made the motion which was supported by Braman to approve the purchases.

Roll: Ayes: Trustee Braman, Trustee Harns, Treasurer Speck, Clerk Parsons, Supervisor Elliott
Nays: None
Motion carried.

- Assistant Chief Mike Yanz informed the board that he is now a Certified Fire Technician. Congratulation Mike!
- Interviews occurred and Chief Speck would like to recommend the promotion of Corey Barrett to Lieutenant. Harns made the motion to promote Barrett to Lieutenant, supported by Braman.

Roll: Ayes: Trustee Braman, Trustee Harns, Treasurer Speck, Clerk Parsons, Supervisor Elliott
Nays: None
Motion carried.

- Employee Suspension Update: Chief Speck reported that he and Clerk Parsons had a meeting with the attorney and were advised to do the following:
Employee will be allowed to respond to tones but will not be allowed to drive themselves to or from the station. This is due to the fact that emergency personnel are covered port to port on insurance. Also, the employee will not be allowed to drive any township vehicle in any circumstance. Failure to follow these stipulations will result in immediate dismissal. Also included in these stipulations is the issue of wearing a seat belt. If at any time said employee does not follow the SOP of wearing a seatbelt, action will result in immediate dismissal.
Parsons stated that it was determined the situation be resolved by the chief so the board only needs to acknowledge his decision. Board acknowledges the decision and agrees. Employee will meet with Chief Speck and a letter with full details will be given to them.
- Elliott made mention that the SOP regarding driving records need to be updated. All agreed.
- The new Spartan Star Pumper truck being purchased from Spartan Motors Inc., in the amount of \$460,457.00 will be financed thru Dart Bank in Mason MI with annual payments.

Old Business:

- Parsons will communicate with Road Department notify them of the request to make repairs to Dakin Road and spot fix Clark and Osborne north of Columbia

New Business:

- Braman Gravel Pit:
Elliott asked for assurance from Warvel that he make every effort to complete the project in one year and stick to the 16 work nights and not start before 7:00 am. Since the land use is “grandfathered” the board has no authority to regulate but is making the request for the benefit of the neighbors. Warvel agreed.
- Harns presented a grant application for trees. All agreed that Freer Park was not yet ready for trees.
- Parsons requested the purchase of a phone application from I. T. Right to be used with the assessing software for \$500. The purchase amount is one time and has no yearly maintenance. Can be used by multiple people.

Harns made the motion to purchase, supported by Braman.

Roll: Ayes: Trustee Braman, Trustee Harns, Treasurer Speck, Clerk Parsons, Supervisor Elliott

Nays: None

Motion carried.

- Flags are needed to place on the new flag poles.
Braman made the motion which was supported by Harns to approve a purchase up to \$500 for the 3 flags.
Roll: Ayes: Trustee Braman, Trustee Harns, Treasurer Speck, Clerk Parsons, Supervisor Elliott
Nays: None
Motion carried.

Budget Amendments:

- Harns made the motion which was supported by Braman to approve the proposed budget amendments as submitted.

Roll: Ayes: Trustee Braman, Trustee Harns, Treasurer Speck, Clerk Parsons, Supervisor Elliott

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Payment of Bills:

- Harns made the motion which was supported by Braman to pay the township and fire department bills as submitted.

Roll: Ayes: Trustee Braman, Trustee Harns, Treasurer Speck, Clerk Parsons, Supervisor Elliott

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Harns made the motion which was supported by Braman to adjourn.

All in favor

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

Respectfully submitted by



Marie E. Parsons, Clerk