

The regular meeting of the Higgins Township Board was held on Monday, February 2, 2015, at the Higgins Township Hall. Supervisor Curnalia called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members present: Jennette, Peters, Alden, Sullivan, Curnalia

Interested persons in attendance: Tim Mephram, Mary Lou Jennette, Jess Carlson, Kathy Pardo, Rob Crandall, Earl DeLoge, Diane Lippert, Shaun Hand and Joe Quintana.

No public comment at this time.

Moved by Jennette, seconded by Peters that we accept the consent agenda. All ayes.

Fire Report: Chief Mephram submitted his report for January and presented the Board a budget proposal for replacing our main pumper. This will be looked at during budget meetings.

EMS Report: Coordinator Pardo presented her report. Four items needed to be addressed: 1. Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Alden that we appoint Tom Jennette as the liaison person to the EMS Dept. Kathy will need Tom's contact info and a copy of these minutes. 2. Kathy will look into grant details for becoming ALS. 3. Motion by Peters, seconded by Jennette that we pay for the training of employees on AcccMed. All ayes. 4. Motioned by Sullivan, seconded by Jennette that we accept Jason Gomez for the probational period of 90 days. All ayes.

Unfinished business:

We will table the compost hours and grinding until a later meeting.

Bill will send a letter to Andrew Sosnowski regarding his trailer and shed that are in violation of the zoning laws. We will extend the time he has to remove them until spring when the weather is more conducive to removal.

New Business:

Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Peters to approve the resolution to allow residents to protest in writing to the Board of Review. Ayes: Alden, Peters, Jennette, Curnalia and Sullivan. Nays: none. Passed.

Curnalia will purchase some type of recorder for the Board of Review meetings.

Dave Dougherty will be an alternative member of the Board of Review. Curnalia and Donna Thoma will be attending Board of Review training on February 26, 2015, at Treetops Resort in Gaylord, MI.

Discussion was held about the township office hours. Several suggestions were made and this issue will be addressed at the May meeting.

The annual meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2015, this year.

Public Comment:

Deputies Hand and Quintana addressed the Board as to the upcoming bill about marijuana dispensaries in Michigan. They requested that our representatives be contacted concerning this matter.

Earl DeLoge questioned why the Board did not advertise for the Trustee position that was opened up after the appointment of the Supervisor. He thought this looked bad, was not proper, and limited the pool of candidates. The Board stated that the interim election appointment was legal. The reasoning behind their choice to appoint was that the township had been through enough turmoil with the election of a new clerk, the resignation of the treasurer, and the retirement of the supervisor. The Board needed some consistency quickly.

Motion by Curnalia, seconded by Peters, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 pm. All ayes.

Bill Curnalia
Supervisor

Cheri Sullivan
Clerk