

The regular meeting of the Higgins Township Board was held Monday, June 1, 2015 and was brought to order by Supervisor Curnalia with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present: Curnalia, Jennette, Peters and Alden. Sullivan joined the meeting at 7:15 pm.

Concerned people in attendance: Kathy Pardo, Scott Patchin, Lee Martin, Diane Lippert, Jess Carlson, Tim Mephram, Deputy O'Neil and Sgt Ackley.

Motioned by Alden, seconded by Jennette that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted. All ayes. Motioned by Jennette, seconded by Peters that the bills to be paid be accepted. All ayes.

Fire Chief Mephram submitted his monthly report. The phones need some repairs, batteries and some may need to be replaced. He will get this taken care of.

EMS Coordinator Pardo submitted her monthly report. She asked that Mike Bentley be removed from the roster as his circumstances have changed. Motion by Alden, seconded by Peters that he be terminated. All ayes. Packer and Eddington still want to be on the roster.

On June 7, 2010, the Board voted to see if there was enough interest in having a CERT team. The CERT team earned \$1200 from fund raisers. When the team went out of existence, the money was moved to the Fire Dept Vehicle and Equipment Fund. Since the Township is unable to return this money to the individuals involved with the CERT team and the CERT team at Gerrish Township does not want it, it was proposed that the money go to Grayson's Gift/Act Now for fire alarms for handicapped Higgins Township residents. Motioned by Sullivan, seconded by Alden to donate \$1200 from the V&E Account to Ace Now. All ayes.

The Purchase Order Policy will be tabled to the July meeting.

We will have an audit in June so that all information going on the computer to start the fiscal year will be correct.

Fire Chief Mephram reiterated the problems with the 1998 fire truck needing so many repairs. Scott Patchin of CSI talked about the new fire truck we are considering purchasing. Our trade-in value is \$35,000; Brimley Mountain is willing to take it. Patchin stated that a fire truck is good for 15 years of front line service, 5 years of secondary service and after 20 years is difficult to resell. Financing was discussed. Peters questioned by we aren't looking at a refurbished truck. Patchin and Mephram stated that we are just buying someone else's problem. Motion by Jennette, seconded by Alden that we purchase the new fire truck from CSI for delivery in 11-12 months. All ayes, no nays. Passed. We will look into the financing and setting up a replacement cycle for the fire/ems equipment

Tabled to the July meeting was the raising of permit costs and red-flagged property by our building inspector Dave Doll.

Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Alden that we forego any interest in the property at 5774 N M-18, #005-320-031-2000. All ayes.

Jackie O'Brien requested a letter from the Township concerning the condition of the Strand Theater building. She is getting a grant to remove the building. Supervisor Curnalia gave her a letter.

We had a cleanup day on May 30, 2015. Curnalia, Sullivan and Pat Murphy attended with Alden arriving later. Dead shrubs were removed from around the building and the inside windows were cleaned. The rain hindered any further outdoor work. We will try again on June 13, 2015.

Public Comment: Deputy O'Neil and Sgt Ackley stated they were in attendance to keep abreast of the happenings in the community and field any concerns people may have about Roscommon County Sheriff Dept. We thanked them for their interest.

Motioned by Jennette, seconded by Peters that the meeting be adjourned at 8:19 pm. All ayes.

---

William E Curnalia, Supervisor

---

Cheryl L Sullivan, Clerk