

The January 4, 2016, regular meeting of the Higgins Township Board was brought to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Curnalia. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Board members present: Peters, Jennette, Curnalia, Alden, and Sullivan. Absent: none.

Interested parties attending: Kathy Pardo, Rex Wolfsen, Jim Lowe, Tim Mephram and Diane Lippert.

During the first Public Comment, Mr Rex Wolfsen introduced himself as the new County Drain Commissioner and any concerns the Township might have can be directed to him at the County Building.

Motioned by Alden, seconded by Jennette to accept the Consent Agenda. All ayes. Passed.

Fire Report: Chief Mephram addressed the problems with the 2009 ambulance. We will look into getting permanent repairs on the vehicle after the new budget for 2016-2017. Also included in the budget will be a new phone system and generator.

EMS Report: Coordinator Pardo presented the EMS report. We had 698 calls for the year.

Alden and Peters are still working on job descriptions for the Building Inspector and Assessor. These should be ready for the next meeting.

Jim Lowe was questioning when something will be done about illegal trailers and building being done on some lots in Pine Hollow. There is also a trailer on the wrong lot belonging to Marilyn Daniels. The Board has heard nothing regarding tagging these properties nor any follow-up with attorney about the AuSable Trail property.

Motioned by Jennette, seconded by Alden to accept the following budget amendments:

General Fund:

All from Contingency: Phone	\$235.57
Printing	15.95
Electric	32.53
Building	109.19
Monthly Chg	113.94
Misc	227.20
Sup/Train	57.68
Treas/Train	254.39
Plumb/Sal	<u>180.00</u>
	\$1226.45

Fire/EMS Fund:

Billing	\$1000.00 from Office Supplies
	2,815.88 from Radio/Pager/Repair
Monthly Chg	<u>133.11</u> from Radio/Pager/Repair
	\$3,948.99

Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Peters to adopt the Michigan Blue Cross and Medicare Fee Schedule for 2016. All ayes. Passed.

Public Comment:

Diane Lippert, representing the DDA, asked the Township to consider contributing to the parks when doing the 2016-2017 budget.

Kathy Pardo asked what direction the Township would like the EMS Dept to go. She will give presentations at future meetings regarding the workings of the Dept.

Motioned by Sullivan, seconded by Peters to adjourn at 8:40 pm. All ayes. Passed.

William E Curnalia, Supervisor

Cheryl L Sullivan, Clerk