

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

Board members present: Sullivan, Alden, and Curnalia. Absent: Jennette, Peters.

Interested persons in attendance: Kathy Pardo, Brad Stauffer, John Rosczyk, Tom Kelley, Diane Lippert, and Tim Mephram.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Tom Kelley gave a short presentation regarding his run for Roscommon County Sheriff.

John Rosczyk, Roscommon Village Manager, gave a presentation of improvements planned for Wallace Park. They have received a \$61,000 from the State and looking to make up the difference from a projected \$100,000 projected cost and also a yearly maintenance budget. This will be discussed at a later meeting with the full Board.

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

EMS Report (attached) was presented by EMS Coordinator Pardo.

Fire Chief Mephram presented his report. He received the resignation of Ed Thompson and wishes to add Noah Carter to his staff. Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Alden to accept the resignation of Ed Thompson and to hire Noah Carter. All ayes. Passed.

A Social Host Proclamation was presented to the Board stating the Township is committed to Underage Drinking Prevention. Motion by Curnalia, seconded by Alden to accept this proclamation. All ayes.

Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Alden to accept the Budget Amendments by using the Contingency Line in the General Fund and the Miscellaneous Line in the Fire/EMS Fund. All ayes.

The Concealed Carry Policy was adopted on a motion by Alden, seconded by Sullivan. Ayes: Alden, Sullivan, and Curnalia. Nays: None. Absent: Jennette and Peters.

Brad Stauffer of the Roscommon County Road Commission present a five-year plan for Higgins Township roads (see Clerk's Office for plans). Motioned by Sullivan, seconded by Alden to accept and sign the Agreement for Local Road Improvement. All ayes. Passed.

Motioned by Alden, seconded by Curnalia to accept the insurance proposal from Municipal Underwriters of Michigan. The cost to the Township is the same amount as last year. All ayes. Passed.

Motioned by Alden, seconded by Sullivan to accept the proposal from Chemical Bank for the purchase of a new firetruck. First Bank was at 2.4%, Chemical Bank was at 1.69%. All ayes. Passed.

Supervisor signed and accepted a Cost of Service Option from Roscommon County Equalization Dept.

Motioned by Alden, seconded by Sullivan to accept the following appointments to the Metro Park Authority: Sue Jock – 3 year term; Eric Hart – 2 year term; Cherie Hutek – 1 year term. All ayes.

Motioned by Sullivan, seconded Alden to accept the Lease Pricing Proposal from Xerox for a colored copier. All ayes. Passed.

Motioned by Alden, seconded by Sullivan to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm. All ayes.

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William E Curnalia, Supervisor

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Cheryl L Sullivan, Clerk