

The regular monthly meeting of the Higgins Township Board was brought to order by Supervisor Curnalia at 7:00 pm on Monday, February 5, 2018. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

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

Members absent: None

Interested persons in attendance: Tim Mephram, Aaron Grace, Julie Crick, Susan Huffman and Roscommon County deputies Andrew Oneil and Nathan Droptiny.

Clerk Sullivan presented the following budget amendments to be made from General Contingency: Computer Services \$58.00, Building/grounds \$91.25, Monthly Service Charges \$206.96, Treasurer's Training/mileage \$67.50, Electrical Inspector salary \$336.90 and Building Inspector salary \$142.50. Amendments to the Fire/EMS budget, to be taken from Miscellaneous, are: \$336.98 Building/grounda and \$400.00 Equip, Comp & Software. Motioned by Curnalia, seconded by Peters to make these budget amendments. All ayes. Passed.

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

Chief Mephram and EMS Coordinator present their monthly reports (attached). Risk Management had only one suggestion for our department-to place no parking signs on the bay doors of the firehall.

Julie Crick and Susan Huffman, representing the Marguerite Gahagan Nature Preserve, expressed concerns about the brush build-up at our Compost Site, adjacent to their property. Chief Mephram will contact the DNR to see about a controlled burn in early spring to solve this problem. We will work together to find a solution to a fire barrier between our properties.

Mark Vick tendered his resignation as our Plumbing/Mechanical inspector. Supervisor Curnalia will run a help wanted ad in the Houghton Lake Resorter for the next two weeks.

Board members are to let Clerk Sullivan know by Feb 28th if they plan to attend the MTA convention in Traverse City in April.

Motioned by Curnalia, seconded by Jennette to have Ron Alden contact ITRight before we pay for any further security on our computers. All ayes. Passed.

Motioned by Alden, seconded by Peters to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm. All ayes.

William E Curnalia, Supervisor

Cheryl L Sullivan, Clerk

These minutes are subject to change/amendment at the next regular meeting on March 5, 2018.