

The regular monthly meeting of the Higgins Township Board was held Monday, November 10, 2014, at the Higgins Township Hall. Supervisor June Karjalainen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Karjalainen, Ostling, Sullivan, Curnalia, and Peters.

Interested persons in attendance: Kathy Pardo, Tim Mephram, Dan Fishel, Tom Jennette. Mary Lou Jennette, and Pat Murphy.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Pat Murphy questioned why the meeting was moved from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup>. It was because of the elections on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

Motioned by Curnalia, seconded by Sullivan that we accept the consent agenda. 4 ayes and 1 nay by Ostling.

#### FIRE REPORT

Chief Mephram submitted his report for November. The SCBA tanks are due for hydro testing at the beginning of the year. Motioned by Curnalia, seconded by Karjalainen that we have Central Fire do the testing. All ayes.

The tires on the 421 have damage and need to be replaced. Chief Mephram will get quotes.

#### EMS

There are problems with the Toughbook computers for run reports. New or refurbished ones are needed asap. Motioned by Peters, seconded by Karjalainen that we get two refurbished computers and will look at a third one for next year. All ayes. Kathy Pardo will get prices.

Motioned by Ostling, seconded by Curnalia that we go with Accumed new software on a one year contract. All ayes.

#### COMPOST/RECYCLING

South Branch township has withdrawn their request to use our compost site at this time.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Karjalainen presented South Branch Township's policy for inspection of public records fees. Compared to Gerrish Township's, some board members liked South Branch's better. Fees, such as copy fees, time, etc. were discussed. After comparing the two policies, the board will discuss a final one next month.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The Capitalization policy, as required by the auditors, was presented. Motioned by Ostling, seconded by Peters that we accept this policy. All ayes.

John Rosczyk was appointed to the RADL (library) Board on a motion from Karjalainen, second by Peters, and all ayes.

Sullivan requested that she attend the MTA workshop for new officials at TreeTops in Gaylord, MI, 12/3/2014. Motion by Ostling, second by Peters to approve. All ayes.

#### REPORTS

Sullivan reported we had 540 voters for the 11/4/2014 general election, of which 136 were absentee. Voting proceeded with little problem.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Dan Fishel said it would be good to get South Branch Township involved with the compost site. He also thanked Kathy Pardo for all the savings she gets for the township.

Tom Jennette questioned the negative net income balance on the treasurer's sheet. Ostling said it was because of the program being used.

Motioned by Sullivan, seconded by Curnalia that the meeting be adjourned. All ayes.

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June Karjalainen, Supervisor

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Cheri Sullivan, Clerk

These minutes are subject to correction and approval at the next regular monthly meeting of the Higgins Township Board on Monday, December 1, 2014.