

The August regular meeting of the Higgins Township Board was called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Curnalia on August 3, 2015. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by roll call of the Board. Present were Alden, Curnalia, Sullivan, Jennette and Peters. Absent – none.

Interested persons were: Kathy Pardo, Officer Michael Max, Officer Dakota Darsow, Tim Mephram, and Undersheriff Ben Lowe.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Jennette, seconded by Alden to accept the consent agenda. All ayes.

REPORTS:

Fire: See attached report. New radio system up and working great. Would like to Board to consider the department being able to fill swimming pools. The Board questioned the liability involved and will look into it. Jack Sheppard and Aaron Grace will be going to Charlotte, MI, to go over specs for the new firetruck. Higgins Township will participate in National Night Out in St Helen. Several classes are being offered by the department.

EMS: Had 72 calls last month. EMS passed State inspection with 100%. Great job EMS!!! Asked that Bob Packer be removed from the employee list. Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Alden to do so. All ayes. Discussion about classes being offered. Kathy Pardo requested the Board pay for her IC refresher course which is approximately \$550 + mileage.

OLD BUSINESS: Motioned by Jennette and seconded by Peters that we establish the Purchase Policy as presented. Ayes: Sullivan, Jennette, Curnalia, Alden and Peters. Nays: none. Passed.

MFR Policy was accepted on a motion by Alden and a second by Jennette. Ayes: Jennette, Curnalia, Alden, Peters and Sullivan. Nays: none.

NEW BUSINESS: It was discussed that we change the EMS payroll to the 1st and 15th of each month instead of every two weeks. Clerk Sullivan said this was recommended by the software people and would help eliminate problems with the computer system. Pardo questioned the overtime pay that might arise. Clerk Sullivan will look into this.

Supervisor Curnalia stated it would cost \$500-\$600 for new carpet for the meeting room. He will look into getting bids from several places.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Undersheriff Lowe said the police officers would be attending meetings so the department could get a grasp of what was happening in the community and how they could be of service.

On a personal note, Undersheriff Lowe questioned the Not-in-Compliance tag he received on his fence at his residence. He stated that he received a permit for the fence on May 14, 2015. He said he was accused by Building Inspector Dave Doll of not wanting to follow the law. Supervisor has talked to Attorney Hess and will convene the Zoning Board of Appeals to resolve this issue. The Zoning Board of Appeals consists of Gordon Archer, Ann Jordan and Supervisor Curnalia. Trustee Alden said he has reviewed the placement of the fence and there is no obstruction to the houses on County Road 100.

Trustee Alden also said the Waste Management was not aware they still had dumpsters at the recycling area.

Trustee Peters questioned whether the Township does evaluations of its employees and whether Dave Doll has signed a contract. Clerk Sullivan said she has only seen a contract for Verlac, the last of which was 2012.

Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Alden that we adjourn the meeting at 8:03 pm. All ayes.

William E Curnalia, Supervisor

Cheri Sullivan, Clerk