

The regular of the Higgins Township Board was held on Monday, March 2, 2015, and brought to order by Supervisor Curnalia at 7:01 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Curnalia, Sullivan, Jennette, Peters, Alden
Absent: none

Interested persons in attendance: Kathy Pardo, Tim Mephram, Christina Decker, Shawn Decker, and Earl Deloge.

Motion by Alden, seconded by Jennette that we accept the consent agenda. All ayes. Passed.

Motion by Jennette, seconded by Alden that we make the proposed budget amendments as put forth by Clerk Sullivan. All ayes. Passed.

Fire Report: (See attached) Chief Mephram will look into getting credit cards for the vehicles as the Fuelman cards are only accepted at limited outlets. He will also check about the \$2000 bill for Hazmat and suggested that we hold off paying it. Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Jennette that we reinstate Jerrod Osmond without a probation period as he has been gone only a short while. All ayes. Passed.

EMS Report: (See attached). Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Alden that we reinstate Larry Foster without orientation as he has been gone a short time; and, accept the resignation of Mike Bentley. All ayes. Passed.

Compost hours are tabled until May meeting.

Board of Review: organizational meeting on 3/3/15; BOR March 9, 9-noon, 1-4; March 10, 2-5, 6-9. There was no Planning Commission meeting in Dec. Supervisor Curnalia will set one up for March. We are looking at doing a Spring Clean-up Day in May. The date will be determined at the May meeting.

A resolution was offered to establish a purchase order system for the township. Motioned by Jennette, seconded Alden to approve. Ayes: Alden, Peters, Jennette, Sullivan, Curnalia. Nays: none Passed.

A resolution to discontinue benefits and retirement for elected officials was offered. Motion by Peters, seconded by Sullivan to adopt. Ayes: Sullivan, Peters, Alden, Curnalia, Jennette. Nays: none Passed.

Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Jennette that we allow the land division requested by the County at the old Animal Shelter building and Road Commission property. All ayes. Passed.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Alden that we accept the bid of \$10,491 from Municipal Underwriters of Michigan for the Township insurance for the fiscal year 2015-2016. All ayes. Passed.

Public Comment: Earl Deloge inquired as to what roads the Township will do this year. Curnalia has been in contact with the Road Commission and we will put off doing Lancewood Dr to the county line until 2016 but will have something done to Hoetzel Road. Also, there is a section of the fence down at the compost site. Curnalia will look into this.

Tim Mephram questioned the lawn care bids and suggested we not do the fertilization this year. The fertilization program is done every two years and we will look into the necessity of doing that. Bids will go out later this month.

Kathy Pardo stated some roads are barely passable for the ambulances and fire trucks and house numbers cannot be located. We will look to see if we have an ordinance for this and ways to get residents informed of how important to them these things are. Curnalia suggested perhaps the Lions' Club, or similar organizations, can get involved as to selling house numbers.

The annual meeting is March 23, 2015. There will be no meeting in April.

Motioned by Jennette, seconded by Alden that the meeting be adjourned. All ayes.

William E Curnalia, Supervisor

Cheri Sullivan, Clerk

These minutes are subject to correction and approval at the next regular monthly meeting of the Higgins Township Board on Monday, May 4, 2015