

Perry Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2020

Present: Mark Fulks, Supervisor; Kelly Schmidt, Clerk; Troy Parmalee, Treasurer; Mark Fraser and Frances Griffith, Trustees, Tom Emery, Attorney.

Guests: John Plowman, Caroline Wilson, Justin Horvath, Michael Hoover, Julie Sorenson, Jamie Cromley.

The Supervisor opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag.

The **agenda was approved**. Fraser moved; Parmalee seconded. All ayes Carried.

The Hearing for the **Spartan Fence IFT renewal** for an additional 2 years was opened at 7:01 pm. The taxing units were notified. There was no public comment. Fraser moved; Griffith seconded to approve. Roll Call: Fraser, Griffith, Schmidt, Parmalee, Fulks. All ayes Carried. The hearing was closed at 7:03pm.

The **first required public informational session for the LDFA** was opened at 7:03pm. The current LDFA balance is \$20,583. A current project is the utilities along Lansing Rd. The informational session was closed at 7:04pm.

The **September 2, 2020 minutes were approved**. Parmalee moved; Fraser seconded. All ayes Carried.

Public Comments: **Justen Horvath** reported he presented Ben Frederic an award recognizing his efforts of economic development in our area. Horvath has been working closely with the Township and DDA to secure a grant for water down Lansing Rd. Horvath introduced Michael Hoover, a new business owner of the Mosquito Squad to the Township; Mr Hoover purchased the old Spartan Fence Building. He employs 24 people and has 10 trucks in his fleet that service all over the State of Michigan. **Caroline Wilson** reported that the County Clerks offices hours are back to normal, in person is still by appointment only. CPL's have increased by 1500 this year and request for renewals should be done online. Finger printing has been moved to the Sheriff's Office by appointment only. Elections have been very busy and training for new election workers has increased. County Treasurer **Julie Sorenson** reported that she will be running in November. Things are going well in the office. The County is now accepting partial payments for property taxes and credit card payments are accepted as well.

Sheriff's Report: 43 traffic stops; 139 calls for the month.

DDA: The next meeting will be at 6:30pm on October 21, 2020.

County Commissioner's Report: John Plowman reported that the County is not looking at a short fall in revenues this year. The commissioners have asked all departments to cut 15% out of their budgets. Buyouts are being offered to those close to retirement. The defined benefit retirement will be switched to a defined contribution for all new employees, pending negotiations. The County expects to see an 8% increase in SEV for next year.

Library: Jamie Cromley gave the District Library's annual report. The local libraries reopened on June 8. Foot traffic is 50-60% than before COVID. There are online programs available. The library millage passed in August.

Computers have been upgraded and late fines have been eliminated. The library received a technology and digital inclusion grant.

Planning Commission Report: Because of the lack of consideration for the Townships Land Use Plan and the disregard of our recommendations given to the County Commissioners on building and zoning, the Township Planning Commission and Township Board will explore the possibility of doing our own building and zoning.

The **financial statement was approved** to pay the bills. Griffith moved; Fraser seconded. Roll Call: Fulks, Fraser, Griffith, Schmidt, Parmalee. All ayes Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The DDA water extension process is moving forward. Talk of placing a water tower on the old Talbot property is being considered.
- The **Slocum rezoning** request from A2-M1 was approved by the County Commissioners despite numerous objections and the recommendation by the Township to not approve.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Audit was completed and sent to the State on the due date. The Township is in good standing with an increase in the general fund of \$50,000. Fulks moved; Griffith seconded to accept the audit. Roll Call: Griffith, Schmidt, Parmalee, Fulks, Fraser. All ayes Carried.
- The foundation fee for the Sexton to receive all of the money collected for resident and non-resident charges was extended until Dec. 31, 2020. Parmalee moved; Fraser seconded. Roll Call: Schmidt, Parmalee, Fulks, Fraser, Griffith. All ayes Carried.
- The Township's Website theme support has expired and needs to be updated. Schmidt moved; Fraser seconded to update the theme not to exceed \$1000. Roll Call: Parmalee, Fulks, Fraser, Griffith, Schmidt. All ayes Carried.
- The snow plowing contract was tabled until the November meeting so we can open it up for bids.
- The hall will be disinfected after the election at a cost of \$250.

Adjourn: Parmalee moved; Fraser seconded. Carried.

Kelly Schmidt, Clerk