

**Call to Order**

William Carlson, Township Supervisor, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Other Board members present included John Ennett, Duane Soine and Gary Wommer.

Absent: Rachel Sertich. In Rachel's absence minutes were taken by Jackie Shier

**Agenda**

Board members reviewed the agenda for June 9, 2016. Upon motion of Duane Soine, seconded by John Ennett, the agenda as presented was approved. Motion Carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

Board members reviewed the minutes of the Regular Township Board Meeting held on May 12, 2016. Upon motion of John Ennett, seconded by Duane Soine, the minutes as presented were approved. Motion Carried.

**Public Comment**

Melody Wagner Patterson of 156 Miller Rd., Gwinn, MI introduced herself. Melody is running for the 109<sup>th</sup> State Representative position.

**Old Business**

**Road Projects**

Industrial Pk. Rd. - Tabled until July 14, 2016 meeting.

Heritage Rd. and Buffalo Rd. Projects - After some discussion it being the consensus of the Board that Heritage Drive needed more than just a Chip Seal covering and needed to be put in a future budget for a complete overhaul. Upon motion of John Ennett, seconded by Gary Wommer, approval was given to for Fahrner Asphalt Sealers to chip seal CR JF (Buffalo Rd.) from County Rd. 480 to Negaunee City Limit(1.0 miles) at a cost of \$21,671.00. Motion Carried.

Totem Pole Rd. Dust Control - Upon motion of John Ennett, seconded by Gary Wommer, approval was given for the Marquette County Road. Commission to apply two applications of dust control material on Totem Pole Road at a cost to the Township of \$191.70 per application. Motion Carried

**New Business**

Road Millage Study Information was provided to the Township Board regarding a Road Millage Study to be conducted through the U.P. Engineers & Architects, Inc. Upon motion of John Ennett, seconded by Duane Soine, Board members requested representatives from U.P. Engineers & Architects, Inc. attend a Negaunee Township Board meeting to inform the Board what would be included in the study. Motion Carried.

MTA Dues Upon motion of John Ennett, seconded by Gary Wommer, permission was given to pay the Annual Dues covering 7/1/16 through 6/30/17 in the amount of \$2,577.35. Motion Carried.

## **Reports**

**Community Center Board** Duane Soine, Board Liaison to the Community Center Board, provided an update for the Community Cent Board meeting held on June 2, 2016. Highlights included: 1) Need for someone to cover for Bob when on vacation. 2) Part time employee to shared by the Community Center Board and the Water Department, 3) Work to be done on a permanent spot for the Soccer Field.

**Fire Department Report** Jeff Kontio, Fire Chief, reviewed the written Fire Department report dated June 9, 2016. Items highlighted included: 1) 15 calls for the month of May 2) Training for the month of May included the first part of a three-stage training on Pump Operations and Hose Testing 3) Written reports included a copy of the contract for the Fire Hall expansion to start in September/October of 2016 and the money is in their budget 4) Negaunee Township was chosen to be the secondary site for the Valley Medical Flights drop off/pick up. It was suggested by Bill Carlson that the Fire Department check with Community Center Board Chair, Patti LaFond to see if there would be any issues with this, and 5) The Negaunee Township Fire Department joined in with the Negaunee City Fire Department for the Memorial Day Parade.

**Water Report** In the absence of Russ Williams a written report was reviewed for May of 2016. Included: 1) Checked and repaired problem meters 2) 23 Miss Digs for the month of May 3) Waiting on DEQ approval for painting the water tank 4) Consumer Confidence Report was completed and sent out on May 27, 2016 5) Included two bids for back up generators for when the water tank is being painted. The two bids for the back up generators are, NPower from St. Paul, MN in the amount of \$4,006.08 and Kleiman's from Iron Mountain, MI in the amount of \$6,800.00. Upon motion of Gary Wommer, seconded by Duane Soine, the NPower bid was approved in the amount of \$4,006.18. Motion Carried 6) Pre Construction meeting for the Water Tank was held on June 3, 2016. The painting will start July 9, 2016 7) Gary Wommer asked about the size of our water pumps. Russ noted that they were 40hp motors.

### **Clerk Report(Bills, Claims)**

Water Fund checks #7759 through #7769 totaling \$9,887.47 were reviewed. Upon motion of John Ennett, seconded by Gary Wommer, the Water Fund checks as presented were approved. Motion Carried.

General Fund checks #25603 through #25689 totaling \$123,196.77 were reviewed. Upon motion of John Ennett, seconded by Gary Wommer, the General Fund checks as presented were approved. Motion Carried.

**Planning Report** Gary Wommer, Board Liaison, and Nick Leach, Zoning Administrator, provided an update on the Planning meeting held on June 7, 2016. Highlights included: 1) Sign Ordinance Update 2) Grading Permit, an issue concerned contractors working in Negaunee Township have brought up 3) Ordinance Enforcement/Violations: Chicken problems on North Basin Rd. Resident building without permit and an un permitted natural resource extraction operation in the Township. The Zoning Administrator is in contact with the Township Attorney and obtaining evidence of violation 4) On June 1, 2016 the Zoning and Planning Administrator attended training on planning and zoning essentials 5) A Capital Improvement Plan Training in Escanaba on June 21, 2016 put on by CUPPAD. 6) Nick Leach, Gary Wommer, Bill Carlson, Steve Koski and Bill Fahey(by phone) met to review a standard for blasting in Negaunee Township.

**Assessor's Report** Susan Bovan was on hand to review the Assessor's report. Highlights include: 1) Locations of upcoming reappraisals being reviewed 2) Letter's for the July Board of Review were sent out May 27, 2019 to property owners of parcels that will be presented at the July 19, 2016 meeting 3) On May 24 three letters were sent out to property owners where the Principal Residence Exemption is in question 4) Deeds and sales information updated into the database and 5) Many phone calls were received

and returned in May and 6) Sue did a walk through with Mr. O'Dovero of his properties. Sue would like to attend a conference in August of 2016 on Mackinaw Island regarding Tax Equalization. It was suggested that she see if the cost could be shared with the other Townships that she works with.

**Treasurer's Report** John Ennett, Treasurer, noted that there was one delinquent personal property tax bill still not paid. The court date for the unpaid tax bill is June 22, 2016. Sue stated that she would be willing to attend the court hearing with John if he would like her to.

**Supervisor's Report** William Carlson, Township Supervisor, provided an up date on Township activities since the last board meeting including: 1) meeting with the Negaunee City manager to discuss changing the load limit on County Rd. 492, 2) attended a 911 meeting, 3) worked on the County Rd. 510 study.

**Brownfield Redevelopment Authority** - June 6, 2016 meeting: 1) Reviewed lab results for roofing material samples from Sawmill Rd. project 2) Contract discussion for new Brownfield Plan for Sawmill Rd. Project 3) Updated Brownfield Plan for 162 Midway Dr. Project

**Wellhead Protection Committee** - No meeting scheduled for June.

**Advisory Trail Committee** - No update provided

**Personnel Committee** In Rachel Sertich's absence, the written Personnel Committee Meeting minutes of May 19, 2016 was provided. The Personnel Committee, recommended to the Board to revise the MERS retirement plan to increase the multiplier to 2% and to increase the employees' contribution to 6%. Upon motion of Gary Wommer, seconded by Duane Soine to revise the MERS retirement plan to increase the multiplier to 2% and to increase the employees' contribution to 6%. Motion Carried.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on June 16, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

**Emergency Management Coordinator** - Mr. Carlson noted address changes were updated.

### **Correspondence**

- A letter of resignation from Doug Pascoe from the Township Board of Review, due to moving out of the Township.

### **Public Comment**

Lowell Larson of 14 River Run Rd., Negaunee, MI introduced himself. Mr. Larson is running for the position of Sheriff.

### **Informational Items**

- Big Box tax ruling
- Lead/Copper monitoring
- MCTA Minutes
- Letter regarding Tax Tribunal
- Superior Trade Zone Meeting Minutes
- Central Dispatch Meeting Minutes

### **Board Member Comments**

Duane Soine noted the next meeting date July 14, 2016.

John Ennett noted that on June 14, 2016 Windows 10 would be installed on all computers.

Gary Wommer asked about the condition of the Board meeting windows. It was suggested that he talk to Patti LaFond, Community Center Board chairperson.

### **Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled Township Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

No further business appearing and upon Motion of John Ennett, seconded by Gary Wommer, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Jackie Shier  
Negaunee Township Deputy Clerk