TORCH LAKE TOWNSHIP

ANTRIM COUNTY, MICHIGAN

APPROVED MINUTES OF TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING 5-0 AS PREPARED

OCTOBER 18, 2016

COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING

TORCH LAKE TOWNSHIP

Present: Martel, Schultz, Goossen, Amos and Windiate

Absent: None

Audience: 7

1. REPEATING AGENDA
2. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM followed by the pledge to the flag.
3. Minutes: **Motion** by Amos to approve Minutes of September 20, 2016 with corrections was seconded and passed 5-0. In item B, third sentence, after “was by a” add “certified emergency vehicles standards”. In item F, change first sentence to read “Schultz asked about the Phragmites treatment and whether Soil & Erosion will be contracted under the 50-50 grant offer this year. Martel stated he had not heard”. **Motion** by Goossen to approve the Minutes of October 5, 2016 Special Meeting as prepared was seconded and passed 5-0.
4. Correspondence, etc: 1. Reminder of the November 8, 2016 Election, with voting here from 7:00 AM until 8:00 PM. 2. New Hope Church supplied breakfast for the EMS and Fire departments and township officials, presented by Robert & Janis Lockman, thanking them for all they do for the community. 3. Phragmites treatment will begin next week in the township. 4. DTE Energy has planned a meeting at the township hall November 29th at 7:00 pm to discuss the potential for continuing the natural gas line along Lake Michigan, also to include the West side of Torch Lake. DTE will be communicating by mail with the effected residents as well some home visitations.
5. Agenda Content: **Motion** by Windiate to approve as prepared was seconded and passed 5-0.
6. Citizen Commentary: Sheriff Bean presented the 2015 Annual Sheriff’s report for review and did a short comparison of 2015 to 2016 numbers. He also cautioned people that IRS scams are still out there. The IRS will never call or threaten you. Be cautious with your personal information. Also Smart 911 is going well.
7. CONSENT AGENDA: Clerk and EMS reports are removed for discussion. **Motion** by Goossen to approve the remainder was seconded and passed 5-0. 1. An expenditure of $10,992 needs to be added to the list from Accident Fund for Worker Comp premium. This will result in the Fire Fund being over budget. A budget adjustment will be made as soon as a breakdown of the expense is received from our agent. 2. The treasurer asked about the new AccuMed contract. Payments should be catching up soon. **Motion** by Schultz to approve Clerk and EMS reports was seconded and passed 5-0.
8. SPECIAL REPORTS AGENDA: 1. Goossen reported on Planning Commission meeting held the 11th where they received citizen commentary regarding decks, walkways, etc. The Commission voted not to change anything with the Ordinance language and leave it as it’s been. The Commission did decide to work on the reference to “high water mark”, as the number being used was accidentally changed by a typo. They will go through the appropriate steps needed to amend the Ordinance and change it back to the original number. 3. Regarding A-Ga-Ming, there are still some items from the original PUD that have not yet been implemented. 4. The next Planning Commission meeting has been changed to November 15th.
9. AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION:
10. Reappoint Greg Sumerix to ZBA: The **Motion** by Schultz to reappoint Sumerix to the ZBA for a three year term was seconded and passed 5-0.
11. A-Ga-Ming: The Board has some definitions to work on, “music” and “events”, before we can approve this revision. All of the requirements of the original PUD will be reviewed as well. Martel will work with Mr. Guggemos on this, and it will be on our November 9th Agenda for Board action.
12. Overtime Exemption Change: A reply has been received from Township attorney Todd Millar regarding his recommendation for the EMS Director salary. The memo was shared with the Board who will look it over before action is taken at next month’s regular meeting November 9th.
13. CITIZEN COMMENT: Don Leys commented that when the EMS director calls employees to cover shifts they don’t always jump in to help.
14. BOARD COMMENT: None. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

These Minutes are respectfully submitted and are subject to approval at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Kathy S. Windiate

Township Clerk