TORCH LAKE TOWNSHIP

ANTRIM COUNTY, MICHIGAN

APPROVED MINUTES OF TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING 5-0 WITH ADDITION

JANUARY 16, 2018

COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING

TORCH LAKE TOWNSHIP

Present: Martel, Schultz, Schoenherr, Petersen and Windiate

Absent: None

Audience: 21

1. **REPEATING AGENDA:**
2. Meeting convened at 7:00 PM followed by the pledge to the flag.
3. Minutes: **Motion** by Schoenherr to approve Minutes of December 19, 2018 with corrections, was seconded and passed 5-0. In item D 7. Change “$12,000” to “$12, 100”; In item D 9 a. “Public Survey” change to read “Master Plan Public Survey”; change “A copy of the 2017 survey” to read “A copy of the 2017 Master Plan survey”.
4. Correspondence, etc.: There will be an election in May for the Central Lake Library. Details to follow.
5. Agenda Content: Accepted by Consent with additions. Add item D 8. Elk Rapids and ISD Tax Collection.
6. Citizen Commentary: Sheriff Bean presented December 2017 911 Report and 2017 911 Annual Report, highlighting some of the statistics. He commented on currently being fully staffed in the Dispatch area. He thanked Torch Lake Township for their decision on the Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act, prohibiting those facilities in Torch Lake Township.
7. **CONSENT AGENDA:** 1. Clerk Report removed for discussion. The Treasurer pointed out the check to AT&T and the account in general needs to be reviewed by the Board. The Consent Agenda is accepted as presented.
8. **SPECIAL REPORTS AGENA:** Petersen reported the Township planner, Chris Grobbel, presented draft Version 3 Fences Ordinance for review. Changes need to made and Grobbel took it back to incorporate additions.
9. **AGEND FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION:**
10. 186 Networks presentation: Steve Shawl from186 Networks (formerly COLI) presented costs, etc. for the township to switch to 186 Networks for phone, fax and internet, using the existing tower at the CSB. The township would be looking at substantial savings to make the switch. After discussion, the **Motion** by Schultz to allow 186 Networks to connect internet and phone service until such time that we are comfortable with their system and it is working properly before cancelling Charter. Motion is seconded and passed 5-0.
11. MMR: Because Torch Lake Township needs to make a decision within the next few months on the direction to take with the ambulance service, the Board has asked for a presentation from MMR, the private ambulance service chosen by Elk Rapids, to discuss what they’ve done there since taking over in December 2014. Steve Myers and Lynn Schutter from MMR gave an overview of their services, which included power-point presentation and handout. From the audience Dieter Amos praised MMR for service provided to his family. Martel will look at costs to stay LALS or changing to ALS, including wages, health care, insurance, etc. He will share with Board by early February. He would then like to schedule a public meeting for the residents March 1st. MMR will need to collect considerable data before they can begin to make a proposal. Discussed by Board to have Schoenherr and Martel contact MMR for further study/ comparisons.
12. EMS Director Job Description: In document dated January 16, 2018, last page, Martel will re-insert numbers, forward to Schoenherr, and if numbers are ok we can approve this template at next month’s meeting.
13. Day Park/ Boat Ramp: Suggestions from Martel include coming up with an amount to charge for commercial launching but restrict any commercial launching from the N.W. Torch Lake Rd launch. possible, a different commercial fee for launching over-sized boats. That money would be earmarked for boat launch repair. We need a full time attendant to collect fees and provide order to the park. It was suggested that we take small steps to make improvements, to do the best that we can do. No formal action taken at this time.
14. Salary Resolutions: Postponed until February meeting for chance to research surrounding area salaries.
15. Benefits Ordinance: As we look into insurance, health plans, etc. the township will need to create a Benefits Ordinance.
16. Budget Work Session dates: As a start, February 6th, 13th and 27th have been selected, with sessions starting at 6:00 PM.
17. Elk Rapids and TBA ISD tax collection agreements: The **Motion** by Schultz to accept the Elk Rapids Schools agreement for collection of 2018 summer school property taxes, along with the Traverse Bay Area ISD contract, was seconded and passed 5-0.
18. **FUTURE MEETINGS AND HEARINGS AT THE TORCH LAKE TOWNSHIP CSB:**
19. Board Meeting Tuesday February 20, 2018 7:00 PM
20. Planning Commission Tuesday February 13, 2018 7:00 PM
21. Next regular ZBA meeting April 11, 2018
22. Annual Meeting of Electors and 2018-19 Budget Hearing Saturday March 24, 2018 9:00 AM.
23. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None
24. **BOARD COMMENT:** There will be an appeal at the April ZBA meeting regarding a deck on Lake Michigan. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM.

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

Kathy S. Windiate

Township Clerk