TORCH LAKE TOWNSHIP

ANTRIM COUNTY, MICHIGAN

DRAFT MINUTES OF TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

MARCH 20, 2018 BOARD MEETING

COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING

TORCH LAKE TOWNSHIP

Present: Martel, Schultz, Petersen, Schoenherr and Windiate

Absent: None

Audience: 23

1. **REPEATING AGENDA:**
2. Meeting convened at 7:00 PM followed by the pledge to the flag.
3. Minutes:  **Motion** by Petersen to approve the Minutes of February 20, 2018 as prepared was seconded and approved 5-0.  **Motion** by Schoenherr to approve Minutes of February 27, 2018 Special Board Meeting as prepared was seconded and passed 5-0. **Motion** by Schultz to approve Minutes of February 22, 2018 Special Board meeting as prepared was seconded and passed 5-0. **Motion** by Petersen to approve Minutes of March 6, 2018 Budget Work Study as prepared was seconded and passed 5-0. **Motion** by Petersen to approve Minutes of March 14, 2018 Special Board Meeting, with corrections was seconded and passed 5-0. In item 2, 4th line from the bottom, add Can we continue “being ALS”? Third line from the bottom, add initiating it years ago. “MS Schultz was embarrassed by this Board”. The attachment for the minutes needs to be completed.
4. Correspondence, etc.: An email was read into the record from Steven and Cheryl Penn stating they support a change to ALS and want the first responders to be employees of the Township and therefore accountable to the voters.
5. Agenda Content:  **Motion** by Windiate to approve with additions was seconded and passed 5-0. Change item D. 2 to 3 and item D. 3 to 2; add item D. 4. Budget Resolutions, 5. New Hire and 6. Assessor Contract.
6. Citizen Commentary: 1. Jill Spencer hopes we approve ALS. 2. Deb Graber commented that as we work on the Nuisance Ordinance, it would be great if we could schedule a township trash pick-up and disposal day.
7. **CONSENT AGENDA: Motion** by Petersen to postpone approval of the Fire Report is seconded and passed 5-0.
8. **SPECIAL REPORTS AGENDA:** Petersen reported on activity of the Planning Commission. A Public Hearing is scheduled for April 10th with the Fencing Ordinance, definition of Building and Structure, language change from “shall” to “may”, and time limits on zoning appeals to be discussed.
9. **BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION:**
10. Proposal by Rick Randall: Dr. Randall’s motivation came from seeing the plans for the pier. He is opposed to those plans and presented his vision for the Day Park. With the Board’s help, and a team of “park people” we can create a support team to manage and oversee the park and make it better. He will be the go to guy but not the only one. Schoenherr asked “how” and would like to see a plan. Schultz thanked him for getting the conversation started. Mr. Martel needs to contact the attorney to see if or how we can set up a park department. He suggested a meeting to discuss the concept in more detail.

Chris Ventzke commented how he uses the park and is appalled by the proposed changes to the pier. He will volunteer if we need him.

1. Report on Milton Township Park Grant: Mr. Dick Grey gave background information on the new Elk Lake Park. To assist with the DNR Grant application, they are asking for collaboration from surrounding townships. After discussion of the agreement letter submitted by Mr. Bargy, the **Motion** by Martel that we offer a $1500 contribution to Milton Township’s Parks and Recreation fund and review on an annual basis was seconded and passed 5-0.
2. Review and Discussion of EMS Budget related to ALS: Three EMS Budgets were distributed. The white paper budget was with no change, continue as LALS. The yellow paper budget was a change to ALS and a 4/10th mil increase. The green paper budget was a change to ALS and a 5/10th mil increase. All 3 budgets were reviewed. The **Motion** by Martel to go to ALS and increase the budget ½ mil to fund wages, health care, insurance and other benefits to EMS personnel died for lack of second. After further discussion, the **Motion** by Schoenherr to go to ALS with a 4/10 mill increase, to a total of 1.85mills and for the Director to begin the application process with the state was seconded by Windiate and passed 4-1 roll call vote. The nay vote was cast by Schultz, who included these comments. She approves of ALS. She does not approve of the proposed increase of 4/10 mills to 1.85 mil for reasons of lack of communications, due diligence research and the direction of having to make a swift decision, on the part of myself and for the township constituents. She would rather support 1.75 mils due to length of processing before upgrades to ALS.
3. Budget Resolutions: **Motion** by Petersen to approved Resolution 2018-09, which transfers $3,235 from Fund Balance to General Fund line items to stay compliant is seconded by Martel and passed 5-0 roll call vote. The **Motion** by Petersen to approve Resolution 2018-10, which transfers $960.00 from Fire Fund Balance to Fire line items to stay compliant, is seconded by Martel and passed 5-0 roll call vote. **Motion** by Windiate to approve Resolution 2018-11, which transfers $5,000 from EMS Fund Balance to EMS line items to stay compliant, was seconded by Martel and passed 5-0 roll call vote.
4. New Hire: After discussion, the **Motion** by Martel to approve the recommendation of EMS Director to hire Doug Cary as Basic EMT, pending all standard background tests, etc. was seconded and passed 5-0.
5. Assessor Contract: Motion by Schultz to approve Assessor Contract from May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2021 was seconded and passed 5-0.
6. Future Meetings:
   1. Board April 17, 2018
   2. Planning Commission April 10, 2018
   3. Annual Meeting March 24, 2018
   4. ZBA April 11, 2018
7. Citizen Commentary: Judy Kulka thanked the Board for moving to ALS. She will be watching the Budget. Bob Cook also thanked the Board for the process.
8. Board Commentary: None. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:16 PM.

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

Kathy S. Windiate

Township Clerk