

REGULAR MEETING

November 15, 2016

TIME: 7:00 PM

These minutes are subject to approval at the December 20, 2016 Board meeting

Supervisor Rife called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the pledge to the American flag.

Present: Grubb, Parsons, Rife, Dickerson. Absent: West. Township attorney Cooper present along with several residents.

Motion to approve agenda as amended. Moved by Parsons. Support from Grubb. Motion passed.
Agenda amendment: New Business Item #9: Recognition of departing board members and staff #10: Appointment of new Fire Board Representative.

Motion to approve minutes from October 18, 2016. Moved by Grubb. Support from Dickerson. Motion passed.

Supervisor Rife communicated that Dan Manning of Michigan Connect and Jeff Thone would both be attending the December board meeting to provide information on the Internet project. Rife also reported that Freedom Net is planning on placing antennas on silos on Chase Lake Road and near the Mohrle and Nicholson Road intersection.

Clerk Dickerson received one bid to perform snow removal for the 2016-2017 season. The bid from The Grounds Crew is the same as the previous year. Motion by Parsons to award the bid. Support from Grubb. Motion passed.

Updates provided from Zoning Administrator Thomas, Planning Commissioner Bowdoin, and Recreation Representative Stock.

Stock brought forth a request for a budget amendment to increase the director's salary. Motion by Parsons. Support from Dickerson. Motion passed.

Clerk Dickerson provided election statistics from the November 8, 2016 General Election. There are 2,560 registered voters in the township. 1,864 voted representing 72.81% of the registered voters.

Motion to approve the financial report as presented. Moved by Parsons. Support from Dickerson. Motion passed. September 30, 2016 balance = \$137,763.84, total October income = \$3,715.79 total October expense = \$19,488.42 balance as of October 31, 2016 = \$121,991.21

WHEREAS, the Conway Township Board of Trustees ("Board") recognizes and appreciates the commitment required of those serving in one of the limited staff positions that a small township such as Conway has.

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that Kate Ruttman has been much more than a member of the Township staff, she has been a dedicated public servant.

WHEREAS, the Board appreciates Kate's dedication and commitment to the Board and the residence of the Township during her tenure as the Deputy Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Board, on behalf of the residents of Conway Township wishes to thank Kate for her service and wish her well in her future endeavors.

The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member Larry Parsons.

Second offered by Board Member Mike Rife.

Upon roll call vote the board members voted as follows:

Rife: Yea
Dickerson: Yea
Grubb: Yea
West: Absent
Parsons: Yea

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

WHEREAS, the Conway Township Board of Trustees ("Board") recognizes the commitment required to serve as a local, public official

WHEREAS, the Board is indebted to Eric West for serving as a Trustee for a total of six (6) terms, equaling 24 years.

WHEREAS, the Board appreciates Eric's dedication to serving on the Board and his commitment while serving as the Township's representative on the District Fire Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Board, on behalf of the residents of Conway Township wishes to thank Eric for his service and wish him well in his future endeavors.

The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member Larry Parsons.

Second offered by Board Member Cindy Dickerson.

Upon roll call vote the board members voted as follows:

Rife: Yea
Dickerson: Yea
Grubb: Yea
West: Absent
Parsons: Yea

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

WHEREAS, the Conway Township Board of Trustees ("Board") recognizes the commitment required to serve as a local, public official

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to recognize Cindy Dickerson for the many improvements she has initiated on behalf of the Clerk's office as well as the operation of the Township as a whole.

WHEREAS, the Board appreciates Cindy's dedication to the Clerk's position and passion for improving the Township's cemeteries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Board, on behalf of the residents of Conway Township wishes to thank Cindy for her service and wish her well in her future undertakings.

The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member Larry Parsons.

Second offered by Board Member Debra Grubb.

Upon roll call vote the board members voted as follows:

Rife: Yea
Dickerson: Yea
Grubb: Yea
West: Absent
Parsons: Yea

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Motion to appoint Rick Kreeger as the Fire Authority Representative for the township. Moved by Parsons. Support from Dickerson. Motion passed.

Incoming Clerk Todd Anderson was sworn in by Clerk Dickerson. Anderson will take office November 20, 2016.

Motion to approve disbursements. Moved by Parsons. Support from Rife. Motion passed. General Fund Check #9953 through EFT for a total of \$12,804.77.

Motion to adjourn meeting. Moved by Parsons. Support from Dickerson. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Cindy Dickerson, Township Clerk

Kathleen Ruttman, Deputy Clerk