

4 May 2011 Regular Meeting

The Township Board met individually with each of the eight applicants for the position of township treasurer beginning at 6p.m. in the board room.

The regular meeting was called to order by the Supervisor, Terry Erber, at 7:30p.m. in the Township Hall.

Present: Caroline Kobylczak, Frank D. Wasylewski, Terry Erber and Ross Payton.

Absent: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Clerk read the minutes of the previous meeting. A motion by Caroline Kobylczak to accept the minutes as read and seconded by Terry Erber. All in favor, motion carried.

<u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u>	\$ 129,495.22 Checking	\$159,154.50 Road Fund
	11,893.47 Money Market	
	<u>115,257.70</u> CDs	\$ 26,232.75 Fire Debt
	\$ 256,646.39 TOTAL	

In the absence of a treasurer, the report was presented by the Clerk. A motion by Terry Erber to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Caroline Kobylczak. All in favor, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

MTA is sponsoring a seminar on planning and zoning.

Received a letter from the County Planner regarding future status of the County Planning Commission and Planning Department. The County Commissioners are discussing the needs for the County and whether there is a need for one, both or neither, a county planner or county planning commission. While county planning is important, based on our past involvement, the Board chose to remain neutral at this time.

TAX TRIBUNAL CASE:

The Clerk reported that the Tax Tribunal accepted NorthStar Energy's petition to reinstate their case that the Tribunal previously dismissed. The Tribunal accepted the petition to reinstate the case, adding NorthStar Energy as name of petitioner. The Township is now back to three cases filed by NorthStar Energy on the tax tribunal docket. The Clerk will contact the MTA legal defense fund to see if this case qualifies for assistance.

SPRING CLEAN UP

The spring clean up will be on May 7th at the township hall. We will only have seven containers this year. Gary Stillson and Gary Holborn will be assisting with unloading again this year.

PLANNING COMMISSION ORDINANCE:

The Chairman stated that he had not received the ordinance from the attorney yet to establish the new Planning Commission that must take effect by July 1st. The Clerk advised that we paid for the ordinance a few months ago. The Clerk will contact the attorney to find out what steps we need to do to proceed with the ordinance.

IRON BRIDGE ROAD:

Marlene Guerin reported that the water on Iron Bridge Road is higher than it has ever been and that the beavers are now on State Land so they should be able to be removed. The Chairman will contact Pat Harmon at the road commission.

FIRE BUILDING REPAIR:

The Chairman reported that he met with a contractor regarding the repair of the blocks on the fire department. The concrete blocks on both corners will need to be replaced. The job will also require that the drywall inside be replaced, sealing the area where water is believed to be leaking in from. The fire department will have to be secured with temporary walls during the construction. A bid package will need to be drawn up in order to proceed with the project.

Also discussed replacing all the wooden trim and vents with vinyl siding as part of the project.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

The Clerk presented and reviewed the Financial Statements for Hudson Township for Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2011. Cash on hand in the general fund was \$253,883.65, in the road account \$159,154.50 and in the fire debt account \$42,877.84. The USDA note payable is \$128,000.00.

Total general fund revenues for the year were \$274,166.13 and expenses were \$267,587.62.

A motion by Terry Erber and seconded by Caroline Kobylczak to accept the financial statements of Hudson Township for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2011. All in favor, motion carried.

VANDERBILT SUMMER SCHOOL TAX:

A request was received from Vanderbilt Area Schools that Hudson Township collects summer taxes for the school district. Again they have requested that the taxes be collected at no charge because of their financial difficulties. A motion by Frank D Wasylewski that Hudson Township enter into an agreement to collect the summer levy of school taxes for Vanderbilt Area School at a rate of \$2.50 per taxed parcel, to be paid to the Township by September 30, 2011. Motion supported by Terry Erber. All in favor, motion carried.

WAGE REVIEWS:

The Clerk reported that four members of the fire department have met the requirements of the salary schedule by attending at least 8 in house meetings and are eligible for a \$0.25/hour increase to their hourly run scale. Also, both custodial positions are eligible for a pay step if the board is satisfied with their work. A motion by Terry Erber to increase the hourly pay scale \$0.25/hour for the following members of the fire department and custodial staff, Carolyn Amman, Eric Kennedy, Shawn Bauman, Tony Budzinski, Joan Wasylewski and Joe Sevenski. Motion seconded by Caroline Kobylczak. All in favor, motion carried.

Joe Sevenski asked about an increase for lawn care since the price of gasoline has drastically increased. After discussion, it was decided that the township will authorize the custodian to directly charge up to 20 gallons of gasoline each month for lawn care on the township account.

The Chairman also requested that the custodian widen the boat launch at Huffman Lake as boats are getting scratched by the trees.

TREASURER POSITION:

Eight individuals applied for the position of Treasurer: Chris Dobrzelewski, Denise Buzuin, Kim Crego, Linda Reynolds, Rick Kerr, Terrance Lynch, Thomas Crowe and Tracy Erber.

The Chairman recommended that Linda Reynolds be appointed to fill the vacancy. The Clerk recommended Thomas Crowe. A motion by Terry Erber and seconded by Ross Payton to appoint Linda Reynolds to the position of Hudson Township Treasurer effective 5 May 2011, to fill the current vacancy. All in favor, motion carried.

The appointment is only good until the next general election.

ROAD PROJECTS AND BRINE:

We will obtain estimates from the Road Commission for placing gravel on Jenkins and Studer Roads. The Clerk questioned if Jenkins Road, being a dead-end road has a lot of traffic and if it could be done with a standard spec road gravel as it would be a lot cheaper. The Chairman would like to use Afton Stone on both roads. We will request a price comparison for both from the Road Commission.

The Chairman advised that the local roads will be brined before Memorial Day.

The Chairman advised that the easement to the foreclosed property we purchased needs improvements. The Clerk advised that before pursuing, we need to discuss the topic at the next meeting when the new treasurer is in place.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Two applications were received to fill the positions on the Planning Commission that will need to be replaced under the new law that no longer allows township employees to serve on the Commission. A motion by Terry Erber to appoint Terry Lynch and Thomas Crowe to the Hudson Township Planning Commission; seconded by Caroline Kobylczak. All in favor, motion carried. The length of the term will be determined once the new Planning Commission ordinance is adopted.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Bids for the Washer-Extractor will be opened on May 16th.

The Chairman advised that we need a policy in place for new applicants. The Clerk questioned if one didn't already exist with the fire department's SOGs.

The Chairman reported that there was an issue using Eric Kennedy's canine on a recent run, but has been resolved.

A motion to pay the following bills by Ross Payton and seconded by Frank D Wasylewski. All in favor, motion carried.

#8800	1 May11	CenturyLink	Telephone	\$91.34
#8801	4 May11	U.S. Postal Service	Postage – Treasurer	\$44.00
#8802	“ “ “	Northern Michigan Review, Inc.	Notices – Board of Review	\$408.05
#8803	“ “ “	Waste Management	Garbage – Hall	\$129.86
#8804	“ “ “	Johnson Oil Company of Gaylord	Fuel – hall & fire	\$1,852.86
#8805	“ “ “	B.K. Excavating, Inc.	Snowplowing – hall & fire	\$435.00
#8806	“ “ “	Great Lakes Energy	Electricity – hall & fire	\$230.57
#8807	“ “ “	Radio North LLC	Fire – radio repair (antenna)	\$20.55
#8808	“ “ “	Northern Fire & Safety	Fire – 10 exting&hydro test Scott pak	\$300.90
#8809	“ “ “	Exxon Mobil	Fire – gasoline	\$58.90
#8810	“ “ “	Robert C Kerzka, P.C.	Attorney – tax tribunal	\$1,952.44
#8811	“ “ “	Robert Kucharek	Hall refund (less cleaning fee)	\$50.00
#8812	“ “ “	Joan Wasylewski	Cleaning for Kucharek	\$100.00
#8813	“ “ “	Ross W Payton	Trustee	\$70.15
#8814	“ “ “	Carolyn Amman	Planning Commission	\$31.49
#8815	“ “ “	Caroline Kobylczak	Trustee / Planning Commission	\$103.19
#8816	“ “ “	Joseph Sevenski	Custodian 11 hrs @ \$9.75	\$95.69
#8817	“ “ “	Joan Wasylewski	Planning Commission-Chairman	\$34.42
#8818	“ “ “	Terry Erber	Supervisor	\$371.25
#8819	“ “ “	Frank D. Wasylewski	Clerk	\$427.24
#8820	“ “ “	Gary Stillson	Spring clean up	\$100.00
#8821	“ “ “	Gary Holborn	Spring clean up	\$100.00

A motion by Frank D Wasylewski to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Caroline Kobylczak. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 9:09p.m.