

**2 November 2011 Regular Meeting**

Meeting called to order by Chairman, Terry Erber at 7:30p.m. in the township hall.

Present: Caroline Kobylczak, Frank D. Wasylewski, Terry Erber, Linda Reynolds 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. Motion seconded by Terry Erber. All in favor, motion carried.

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| <b>TREASURER’S REPORT</b> | \$ 96,751.77 Checking     | \$159,282.45 Road Fund |
|                           | 11,905.40 Money Market    |                        |
|                           | <u>115,257.70</u> CDs     | \$ 26,232.75 Fire Debt |
|                           | <b>\$223,914.87 TOTAL</b> |                        |

A motion by Frank D Wasylewski to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented; seconded by Caroline Kobylczak. All in favor, motion carried.

**FIRE BUILDING REPAIR:**

Petrie Construction would not be able to repair the fire building this year. The Clerk will work with Petrie to hopefully get it done first thing in spring.

**BROCKETT PROPERTY:**

Michelle Salva was present and addressed the Board, requesting that the Board allow the family to purchase the land back that her brother lost. Salva’s brother was Brendan Brockett and the township purchased his property after being lost for delinquent taxes. Salva explained that her brother was ill at the end of his life, causing him to not open mail or pay bills for a couple years.

During discussion, Salva stated that the family would be willing to have conditions placed on the deed if the township would return the property to the family. As the township cannot profit from the sale of this property; any excess must be sent to the County Delinquent Tax Fund, Board members want to make sure that the family won’t turn around and resell the property for its market value.

A motion by Frank D Wasylewski that Hudson Township enter into an agreement to with the family of Brendan Brockett, to return the forty (40) acre parcel to the family with the following conditions: the sale price shall be \$5,000, on a conditional basis that the property may not be sold within 10 years, that only normal, select timber cutting can take place and in the event mineral rights are included, that they may not be retained by the family in the event of sale. If the parcel is sold before 10 years, the township shall have the first option to purchase the parcel for \$5,000. All fees to complete the transfer to the family shall be incurred by the family with all documents drafted by their legal counsel. Motion seconded by Linda Reynolds. All in favor? 4 Aye 1 Nay, motion carried.

**SNOWPLOWING BIDS:**

Two bids were received for snowplowing. BK Excavating – \$110/plow and shovel walks. Loader \$65/hour. Sevenski Excavating - \$125/plow and shovel walks. Loader \$70/hour. The Chairman stated that both individuals met with him as required to bid.

A motion by Frank D Wasylewski to accept the bid of BK Excavating for snowplowing for the 2011/12 winter season for \$110/plow and \$65/hour for loader. Motion seconded by Terry Erber. All in favor? 4 aye 1 nay, motion carried.

**ROAD COMMISSION MEETING:**

The township board’s annual meeting with the road commissioners was October 19<sup>th</sup>. The following roads were discussed:

- North Camp Ten Road, thanked the county for fixing the road this year.
- Jenkins and Studer Road improvements turned out good, and under budget. Discussed extending Studer Road from its current ending down to the Stark’s property. The road would have to be brought up to county specifications, and the county would like a deeded right away with a turnaround area.
- Iron Bridge Road flooding is down. The Commissioners also presented a photograph of the Bridge to the township.
- Huffman Lake Road needs improvements. Will continue to request each year so that it will be on the next 15 year millage improvement list. The township would be willing to pay half the cost to Afton Stone the road.
- Woodward Road needs grading to remove some large potholes.
- Bows Lake Road. The County would like to see 4 – 6” of gravel placed on the first section of the road off of Woodward Road. This portion of the road is currently loose sand.
- Giem Road sign. Requested again that Antrim County allow some kind of sign on Giem Road advising that it is not the way to Hudson Township Hall. GPS often sends travelers on this unimproved road that requires a four wheel drive vehicle to get through. People have gotten stuck in the sand, and there generally is not a cell phone signal in the area.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:**

A letter of resignation was received from Thomas Crowe from his position on the Planning Commission. A motion by Terry Erber to accept the resignation of Thomas Crowe from the Hudson Township Planning Commission effective October 21, 2011. Motion supported by Caroline Kobylczak. All in favor, motion carried.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:

New members of the zoning board of appeals members need to be appointed as a result of the new planning commission. A motion by Terry Erber and seconded by Ross Payton to appoint the following members to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three year term ending May 2014: Planning Commission Chair, Terry Lynch, Township Board member, Caroline Kobylczak and citizen at large, Nels Jensen. All in favor, motion carried.

AMBULANCE:

John Lamont, Boyne City Ambulance, was present at the request of the Chairman to discuss ambulance service in the township, as well as future plans for service. Lamont explained that with a recent change in the law, Boyne City had to upgrade their license, requiring an additional paramedic on staff. This is also increasing the cost to the City to provide the service, and most likely, the township will see a contract increase soon. The Board and Fire Chief addressed concerns associated with the service. Lamont asked the Chairman to attend a future meeting of the ambulance service so as to give township representation.

There will be a newsletter sent out with tax bills. All articles are due to the Clerk as soon as possible. County Commissioner, Ron Reinhardt, was present to see if there were any needs or concerns in the township.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Assistant Chief, Don Sevenski, stated that he received his notice from the Fire Chief that he didn't have records showing that he had completed NIMS training in his file. Sevenski stated that he took the training a long time ago and turned the paper work in. He also contacted past chiefs and even "Lansing", where he was advised that his records were probably lost in the big flood in the 1980's that destroyed many of the State's records. He did not contact the current fire chief to see what records do exist. Sevenski did arrange to use a computer and completed the initial portion of the training and reported that it is pretty simple to do, and takes about twenty minutes. He will let others know that need the training how easy the process is.

A motion by Frank D Wasylewski to pay the following bills; seconded by Terry Erber. All in favor, motion carried.

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| #8955 | 1 Nov 11 | CenturyLink                 | Telephone – Hall & Fire           | \$92.59    |
| #8956 | 2 Nov 11 | Ross W Sevenski             | Trustee                           | \$70.15    |
| #8957 | “ “ “    | Linda D Reynolds            | Treasurer                         | \$396.27   |
| #8958 | “ “ “    | Caroline Kobylczak          | Trustee                           | \$68.70    |
| #8959 | “ “ “    | Nels L Jensen               | Planning Commission               | \$33.02    |
| #8960 | “ “ “    | Joseph A Sevenski           | Custodian 16 hrs @ \$9.75         | \$153.74   |
| #8961 | “ “ “    | Terrance R Lynch            | Planning Commission – Chairman    | \$37.74    |
| #8962 | “ “ “    | Joan Wasylewski             | Hall agent – 2 hrs @ \$9.75       | \$17.22    |
| #8963 | “ “ “    | Terry L Erber               | Supervisor                        | \$371.25   |
| #8964 | “ “ “    | Frank D Wasylewski          | Clerk                             | \$427.24   |
| #8965 | “ “ “    | City of Boyne City          | Ambulance Contract 2011/2012      | \$7,548.37 |
| #8966 | “ “ “    | Waste Management            | Garbage – Hall                    | \$132.39   |
| #8967 | “ “ “    | Advance Electric            | Hall – Outside Light              | \$85.12    |
| #8968 | “ “ “    | Joan Wasylewski             | Hall – Custodian Supplies         | \$70.47    |
| #8969 | “ “ “    | Great Lakes Energy          | Electricity – Hall & Fire         | \$239.70   |
| #8970 | “ “ “    | Exxon Mobil                 | Gas – Fire                        | \$189.91   |
| #8971 | “ “ “    | Tele-Rad Inc.               | Fire – Radio Service Calls        | \$145.00   |
| #8972 | “ “ “    | Sara Boyd                   | Hall Refund                       | \$150.00   |
| #8973 | “ “ “    | Boyne Falls Polish Festival | Hall Refund                       | \$150.00   |
| #8974 | “ “ “    | Lorin Stark                 | Hall Refund                       | \$150.00   |
| #8975 | “ “ “    | City of Boyne City          | Fire – training (CPR card/Bauman) | \$10.00    |

A motion by Terry Erber to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Linda Reynolds. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 9:32p.m.