

## 2 September 2009 Regular Meeting

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

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

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

<u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u>	\$ 80,589.65 Checking	\$214,517.21 Road Fund
	11,849.03 Money Market	
	<u>114,521.27</u> CDs	\$ 29,193.22 Fire Debt
	\$206,959.95 TOTAL	

A motion by Frank D Wasylewski to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion supported by Terry Erber. All in favor, motion carried.

The Clerk reported that a payment to USDA is due on October 1<sup>st</sup> for the fire trucks. The Auxiliary will be making their second \$25,000 donation, which will be applied against the principal. The township will also be making an additional \$5,000 payment from the fire debt fund.

### BOAT LAUNCHES:

One bid was received from Sevenski Excavating for hauling and placing gravel at the boat launches. A motion by Terry Erber to accept the bid of Sevenski Excavating for hauling material from the Woodward Road plant to the Bows Lake boat ramp and the Huffman Lake boat ramp and leveling out material for the amount of \$450. Motion supported by Caroline Kobylczak. All in favor, motion carried.

### FLAG POLE:

The Chairman reported that the flag pole arrived. Joe Sevenski, Ross Payton and Terry Erber will install the pole. Marlene Guerin has a few bags of concrete that she will donate to install the base.

### AURORA OIL& GAS:

The Clerk reported that the motion for default filed with the Tax Tribunal by our attorney has been denied. The original petition submitted by Aurora was only served on Boyne Falls School and not Vanderbilt as well.

Aurora's petition was submitted to the tax tribunal on the last day allowed to file.

No update on the bankruptcy, other than it appears that property taxes must be paid or the property can be seized, so the township should be protected.

### ROAD PROJECTS:

The Chairman presented bid tabs from the August 24, 2009 letting for our road projects. There were two bidders, Poquette Leasing with a total bid of \$109,268 and Rieth-Riley Construction with a total bid of \$112,083.75. The Chairman advised that he requested the Road Commission to proceed with Poquette's bid to place Afton Stone on Kuzmik Road, Bingham Road and Woodin Road. There is an October 16<sup>th</sup> completion date requirement.

Discussion on gravelling the portion of Bows Lake Road that ends on the water's edge of Huffman Lake. In order to continue proof of maintenance, it makes sense to place gravel while doing the adjacent road. A motion by Frank D Wasylewski that we place gravel on the section of Bows Lake Road from Bingham Road and ending on the water's edge of Huffman Lake as an extra to the project. Motion supported by Caroline Kobylczak. All in favor, motion carried.

It was reported that the Iron Bridge is flooding because of the beavers. The Chairman will contact the Road Commission.

### CEMETERY:

Discussion on tree removals at the cemetery. Custodian, Joe Sevenski, asked the Clerk to look at the trees as he doesn't want to be responsible to make the decision. The Clerk stated that he went and looked at the trees. The large maples along the road appear to be all leafed out and not very many dead limbs on them. There is one tree, however, to the right of the driveway that is dead and needs to be removed. Trustee Payton will try to get further input regarding health of the trees.

### JOKERS BIKE CLUB:

The Joker's motorcycle club held their first fundraiser at their new clubhouse. Gypsy, President of the group, presented a check to the Chairman for the Township in the amount of \$500. The group would like the donation to be used by the fire department if possible. The Chairman thanked the group for their donation.

### PLANNING COMMISSION:

Terms need to be renewed for members of the Planning commission. A motion by Terry Erber to reappoint Joan Wasylewski, Caroline Kobylczak, John Kurbis and Ron Grubaugh to the Hudson Township Planning Commission. Motion seconded by Frank D Wasylewski. All in favor, motion carried.

### SNOWPLOWING BIDS:

Bids for snowplowing at the township hall for the winter season will be received at the October meeting. Bidders must meet with the Supervisor in order to submit a bid so that everyone is bidding the same thing. We will not advertise in the paper this year.

INSURANCE:

General liability insurance and worker comp insurance are up for renewal.

This year’s renewal policy for property and liability is \$17,089, with the fire department at \$12,225 and general township is at \$4,864.

A motion by Frank D Wasylewski to renew the general liability insurance with Municipal Underwriters of Michigan, Inc. for the period of 1 September 2009 through 1 September 2010 for \$17,089. Motion seconded by Staci Payton. All in favor, motion carried.

The renewal for worker’s compensation insurance is \$1,057. A motion by Frank D Wasylewski and seconded by Staci Payton to renew the Worker Comp insurance with Accident Fund Insurance Company for 1 September 2009 through 1 September 2010 in the amount of \$1,057. All in favor, motion carried.

AUDIT CONTRACT:

A contract was received from our auditors, Campbell, Kusterer & Co, to complete our audits for years ending March 31, 2010 and March 31, 2012 for a fee of \$2,600 for each year.

A motion by Frank D Wasylewski to sign a contract with Campbell, Kusterer & Co. to perform the audit of Hudson Township for fiscal years ending 31 March 2010 and 31 March 2012 for a fee of \$2,600 for each year. Motion seconded by Caroline Kobylczak. All in favor, motion carried.

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS:

Custodian, Joe Sevenski, recommended that the board consider placing a layer of drywall and proper insulation under the ceiling of the addition. There is a lot of heat loss in this area. The drop ceiling also needs to be redone. The chairman advised that it is something that should be addressed and possibly bid out once it is known what improvements need to be made.

The Custodian will also replace a toilet in the women’s bathroom that is defective.

COMPETITIVE BIDDING:

The Clerk reported that there was a recent article in the MTA magazine regarding competitive bidding policies. Public Acts 167 and 168 of 1993 required a township to obtain sealed competitive bids for contracts \$20,000 or more, and in order to receive revenue sharing, a township had to adopt a resolution requiring competitive bidding. The legislature repealed this requirement in 1996 and townships are no longer required to seek competitive bidding for contracts over \$20,000, however, the township board has not repealed this policy.

A motion by Frank D Wasylewski to repeal the competitive bidding policy adopted 2 March 1994 by Hudson Township requiring all contracts in excess of \$20,000 to be bid by way of sealed competitive bids. Motion seconded by Terry Erber. All in favor, motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Chief, Shawn Bauman, reported that the meeting at Lake Louise Christian Camp discussing water issues went very well. LLCC agreed to assess \$15 for each tax bill, generating approximately \$2,100 towards the purchase of a portable pump. The County Commissioners also agreed to pay one third of the expense, leaving one third of the expense for the township.

Warranty work has been completed on the pumper truck.

The Chief will be attending Fire Officer III classes this winter.

A motion by Terry Erber to pay the following bills and seconded by Caroline Kobylczak. All in favor, motion carried.

#8273	6 Aug09	US Postal Service	Postage – Treasurer	\$49.75
#8274	31Aug09	CenturyTel	Telephone	\$94.11
#8275	2 Sept09	Waste Management	Garbage – Hall & Park	\$198.99
#8276	“ “ “	Joan Wasylewski	Hall – custodian supplies	\$27.18
#8277	“ “ “	Great Lakes Energy	Electricity – Hall & Fire	\$199.42
#8278	“ “ “	Exxon Mobil	Fire – Gas	\$77.84
#8279	“ “ “	Airway Oxygen, Inc.	Fire – Oxygen	\$20.00
#8280	“ “ “	Otec	Fire – Radio Repair	\$60.85
#8281	“ “ “	Front Line Services, Inc.	Fire – Trucks serviced	\$1,568.95
#8282	“ “ “	A-1 Rent A Jon	Hall & park – porta johns	\$185.00
#8283	“ “ “	Accident Fund Company	Worker Comp Insurance premium	\$1,057.00
#8284	“ “ “	Municipal Underwriter of Michigan	General Liability Insurance	\$17,089.00
#8285	“ “ “	Belinda Hoogerhyde	Hall refund	\$150.00
#8286	“ “ “	Leigh-Anne Figiel	Hall refund	\$150.00
#8287	“ “ “	Ross W Payton	Trustee	\$69.41
#8288	“ “ “	Caroline Kobylczak	Trustee	\$67.96
#8289	“ “ “	Joseph A Sevenski	<a href="#">Custodian 14.5hrs@\$9.25 / 20hrs@\$15</a>	\$398.27
#8290	“ “ “	Staci A Payton	Treasurer	\$385.95
#8291	“ “ “	Terry L Erber	Supervisor	\$368.25
#8292	“ “ “	Frank D Wasylewski	Clerk	\$424.30

A motion by Staci Payton to adjourn. Motion seconded by Terry Erber. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 8:53p.m.