

Regular Meeting – Monday, August 13, 2018 – Hillman Community Center

The regular monthly meeting of the Hillman Township Board was called to order by Chair Manning with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Present were Manning, P. Achatz, Vanderveer, Burr and guests as per listed on the attached sheet.

Motion by P. Achatz to adopt the agenda for the meeting as presented, second by Vanderveer, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Manning to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, second by Burr, all in favor, motion carried.

VISITOR COMMENTS

The deputy from the Sherriff's Department reported that although it was a very busy weekend in the county it was also a very safe weekend. He mentioned the fatal fire on County Road 459 a couple of weeks ago.

Mark and Jan Pankner of the Hillman Lions Club reported that the Lions Club has met at the Park and would like set a goal of making improvements to the walking trail as their community service project. Mark stated the need for better signage and said the members would like permission to move the boulders that have been used to discourage wheeled vehicles from traveling on the walkway. They would also like permission to clean up the brush on the trail and perhaps trim a few of the trees. Members discussed the possibility of signs to label the tree species there and inquired about naming the trail after two of their long time members. Since the park was purchased with grant money, some investigation will have to be done as to the legality of naming the trail after individuals.

Auditor Sandra Edwards gave an overview of the auditing process and stated that the Township is in good financial shape.

Dick Wolff, president of the Lake Avalon Property Owners Association approach the Board with information about the boat washing station that is in operation with an agreement with the DNR. He was looking for some advice on funding the program and Manning stated he would send him some information on special assessments.

Pam Kotzian approached the Board with a concern about cancelling the first Roller Skate in October due to a wedding on October 6. Roller Skating will begin on Friday, October 12.

M. Achatz entered the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Community Center – Corey Allison and Jim Gilbert from Allband explained the phone/internet program they have available. The Community Center will connect to Allband asap and the Township will connect in January when the current contract expires. Manager Jon Jackson presented his Manager's report and a copy of that report is on file. Goodrich has patched the spots in the back parking lot, waiting for Doug Kenyon to do the repairs in the kitchen, a wedding reception will be held here on August 18 and 2 more have been scheduled, one for 2019 and one for 2020. The budget update was presented showing revenues of \$24,369.14 and expenditures of \$23,401.73. Motion by M. Achatz to pay the bills as presented and as listed, second by Vanderveer, all in favor, motion carried: Michigan Department of Treasury 95.28, Aqua Pure Technology 43.00, Arctic Elevator 100.00, Bernard Building Center 37.60, Jewell's Disposal Service 8.50, John Hancock 15.00, Thompson Linen Service 38.42, Village of Hillman 38.00, Hillman Township 524.00, PIE & Gas 53.10, Jewell's Disposal Service 20.00, Connie Chenoweth 32.61, Gary LaFleche 35.24, Jonathan Jackson 588.59, Alpena Power Company 491.61, Frontier 100.08, Staples Credit Plan 25.99, First Bankcard 9.99, Connie Chenoweth 36.67 and Jonathan Jackson 588.60.

Fire & EMS – Preparation work has been done on the back parking lot at the fire hall for the paving. The new pagers are in and in use and the new radios are on hold, waiting for the state license.

Library – Burr reported that the gas line has been put into the building.

Planning & Zoning – Administrator Orlandi’s letter stated he has issued 14 zoning permits. Discussion was held on holding a meeting with our attorney regarding our zoning ordinance and a blight ordinance. Manning will follow up on setting a date.

Park Commission – Word was received that the Par Plan denied our grant request for help in replacing the dugouts. Joe Kennard and Chuck were in attendance and shared an architect drawing for a new dugout. RS Scott will put out the bid requests and the Board would like all 6 of the dugouts replaced by November 1. Motion by Burr to allow Jim Chenoweth to purchase a sprayer and a cigarette butt collector at a cost not to exceed \$200, second by Manning, all in favor, motion carried. Discussion was held on the Children’s activities and the Board extends a huge thank you to Sarah Clayton for all she has done to make the program a huge success.

Treasurer’s Report – Vanderveer presented a financial statement showing the balances in the Township’s bank accounts.

Clerk’s Report – P. Achatz reported that 34% of the Township’s registered voters voted in the August primary. There were a few problems with the new tabulator and the card reader but all in all it was a good day. A technician came to the office to do some work on the postage machine following an error message. The budget update was presented showing revenues of \$88,555.37 and expenditures of \$151,914.79. Motion by Manning to subtract \$625.00 from Miscellaneous Expense for a new total of \$1,875.00 and add \$625.00 to Library for a new total of \$725.00, second by Vanderveer, all in favor, motion carried. Motion by Manning to pay the bills as presented and as listed, second by Burr, all in favor, motion carried: Pamela Achatz 813.58, Charles Manning 283.84, Jody Vanderveer 1.148.71, Pamela Achatz 115.30, Garry Boldrey, Jr. 1,849.34, Donald Lauderbaugh 23.09, Charles Manning 36.94, Janet McMurray 36.94, Jerry Miller 23.09, Stephan Orlandi 294.42, Eleanore Smith 36.94, John Burr 147.76, Sarah Clayton 262.11, Jody Vanderveer 64.44, Michael Achatz 110.82, C & S Lawn Care 146.00, DesignTeam Consultants 75.00, Hilltop Party Store 23.87, James Warner 40.00, John Hancock Life Ins. 45.00, Judy Nichols 40.00, Karen Funk 40.00, Karen Rea 40.00, Maximum Security 685.00, Michael Nichols 40.00, Miller Office Machines 82.71, Montmorency County Equalization 1,617.58, Montmorency Press 59.50, NEMCOG 236.00, Raymond Selesky 40.00, Richard Stawecki 40.00, Sharon Vanderveer 40.00, Village of Hillman 16.00, Michigan Department of Treasury 328.35, Hillman Community Center 853.00, Margaret Selesky 40.00, Pam Achatz 40.00, Patricia Peterson 40.00, Shanna Firman 80.00, Stephan Orlandi 96.94, Laser Team Challenge 510.00, Northern Wood Design 800.00, Sarah Clayton 207.79, Hillman Community Schools 525.00, James Chenoweth 281.92, Alpena Power Company 177.99, First Bankcard 54.45, Staples Credit Plan 221.50 and James Chenoweth 189.42.

Supervisor’s Report – Manning has been in contact with Garry Boldrey, Jr., Assessor regrading extending his contract another year. Motion by Manning to adopt Resolution #2018-6, Waiving Interest and Penalties on Transfer Affidavits, second by P. Achatz, roll call vote taken with yes votes from Manning, Vanderveer, M. Achatz, Burr and P. Achatz, there were no nay votes, all in favor, motion carried.

Old Business – The Village has requested an easement from the Township for the Walkway at Tiger Paw Park before they will consider paving it.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Achatz, Clerk