

Sugar Island Township Board Meeting

August 11, 2020

Minutes

1. Clerk Garlitz, called the Meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m. This meeting was held in the Sugar Island Fire Hall adhering to the Covid social distancing requirements.
2. After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call taken, Present were Trustee Moher, Treasurer Handziak, Clerk Garlitz, and Trustee Noble. Absent, Supervisor Roy.
3. Changes/Additions to the agenda- Handziak would like to add to the fire report purchase of a new fire truck presented by Dave Pine.
4. Minutes: July 14, 2020 Meeting, – Previously viewed for approval via email. Trustee Noble made a motion to approve the minutes provided via email, Seconded by Treasurer Handziak, Passed, 4/0

5. Treasurers Report:

a. General Fund:	\$ 291,175.78	\$9,560.91
b. RESTRICTED FUNDS		
Road Fund:	\$ 705,541.56	\$0.00
Fire Fund:	\$ 169,978.34	\$3,022.99
Ambulance Fund:	\$ 54,646.07	\$14,917.19
Liquor Fund:	\$ 298.68	\$68.90
Solid Waste Fund:	\$ 89,842.79	\$16,384.94
Metro Fund:	<u>\$ 14,257.53</u>	<u>\$86.82</u>
Total:	\$ 1,325,740.75	\$44,041.75

Clerk Garlitz made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented, seconded by Trustee Noble, passed 4/0

6. Public Comment: Dave Burnett. Becky Pine. Burt Menard. Frank Handziak. Kathy Cairns.
7. Old Business:
  - a. Marijuana Referendum, - Board to bring suggestions re: Wording for Ballot issue. After a short discussion, Frank Handziak made a motion to not bring this on the ballot, Seconded by Kathy Noble, All in favor, 4/0.

## Old Business cont'd

- b. Pat Moher, additional info re: Speed on Island Roads. The person who was supposed to attend the meeting did not show. This will be tabled to next meeting.
- c. Citizens Committee Report on Property Owner Survey re: Commercial Marijuana Adult Use on Sugar Island. Report by Kathy Cairns. There were 143 No's and 22 yes votes regarding if the Island should have a Marijuana dispensary and other Adult Use related businesses on the island. The property owners really appreciated they were included in this. Ms. Cairns noted 85% of the property owners that voted against a marijuana business on the island were full time residents.

## 8. New Business:

- a. Property on Lake George Road – Tax Sale – Sugar Island – The Township has first right of refusal. Trustee Moher mentioned the property could be developed for recreational use. This property is undeveloped. Treasurer Handziak noted it is a low piece of property on a private road. There would be no parking. Treasurer Handziak made a motion to not take the property, seconded by Trustee Noble, all in favor, 4/0.
- b. Ambulance Report: There were 4 runs in July and 1 run in August. Treasurer Handziak presented a contract with Soo Ambulance stating: If the Township ambulance could not fill the times required the Soo Ambulance would cover. If we contract with them, they will charge the individual for this service. Soo Ambulance will bill to the township. Clerk Garlitz made motion to accept this contract if necessary, seconded by Trustee Noble, Passed, 4/0.
- c. Fire Department Report:
  - i. There was one fire run.
  - ii. Chief Pine detailed Truck 402 repairs and costs: Dave asked for approval for the Fick & Sons mechanics to come service truck and costs not to exceed the \$10,000 quote. Treasurer Handziak made a motion to accept the bid as presented, seconded by Trustee Noble, Passed, 4/0.
  - iii. Chief Pine spoke to the board presented about purchasing a new fire truck to replace the two current fire trucks. Two of the current trucks are aging and were purchased 17 years ago. Chief Pine mentioned the township could finance the fire truck for \$410,000. Grants for this have been shut down due to the Covid. Chief Pine spoke about a down payment and then payments over 5-7 years. Clerk Garlitz would like to see the numbers and information from the banks so that the township board can look it over. Chief Pine will speak with the local banks and bring more information to the next meeting.
- d. Planning Committee Report: Nothing new to report. Ordinances are still being worked on. The next planning commission meeting will be Wednesday August 19, 2020 at 6 p.m.
- e. Zoning Report: Zoning Administrator, Burt Menard: There are 20 zoning applications out, everyone adhering to our zoning ordinances.

- f. Closed Session - Personnel Complaint Issue. Motion to adjourn to close session. Treasurer Handziak made a motion to adjourn for Closed Session at 7:30 p.m., seconded by Noble, Passed, 4/0. The board moved to closed session in the township building. Clerk Garlitz called the meeting back in session after this closed meeting at 7:40 p.m. Treasurer Handziak made motion to have the charge of the waste station and employees be handled by Trustee Noble and Clerk Garlitz from now on, seconded by trustee Noble, Passed, 4/0.
  - g. Discussion re: Sugar Island vs. Hann: Trustee Noble noted that the board did not vote to take this to court. The Township has no ordinance currently regarding blight. Treasurer Handziak made a motion to table any action regarding the law suit until the Board reviewed the two current ordinance items referenced in the complaint. Motion was seconded by Trustee Moher, Voted 2/2. Hann Law Suit will be discussed at the September meeting.
9. Pay bills with EFT's and check #10738 thru #10796 , Trustee Noble made a motion to pay all bills and eft's as noted, seconded by Treasurer Handziak, Passed, 4/0.
10. Public Comment: Dave Brunett. Dejay Bumstead. Debbie Cox. Jim Garlitz. Holly Hutchinson.
11. Announcements
- a. Township Planning Meeting, August 19, 6:00 p.m. at the Sugar Island Community Center
  - b. SIHPS Meeting, Finn Hall, August 19, 2020, time to be determined.
12. Adjournment: Treasurer Handziak made motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 PM, seconded by Trustee Noble, passed 4/0

Submitted by Clerk Lynda A. Garlitz