

Sugar Island Township Board Meeting

December 12, 2016

Minutes

1. Supervisor Roy Called the Meeting to Order at 7:01 PM.
2. After Reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, Clerk Garlitz had Roll Call, Trustee Dickey, present, Treasurer Handziak, present, Supervisor Roy, present, Clerk Garlitz, Present, and Trustee Moher, present.
3. Changes/Additions to the agenda, Under g. add D.J. Bumstead as BOR alternate. Add i. Coldwater rescue training for Fire Department.
4. Minutes: November 15, 2016– Previously viewed for approval via email. Treasurer Handziak made a motion to approve minutes as presented, Seconded by Trustee Dickey, passed 5/0
 - a. Special Meeting Minutes 11/22/2016 previously viewed for approval via email. Trustee Dickey made a motion to approved the Special Meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Moher, passed 5/0
5. Treasurers Report
 - a. General Fund \$ 58,917.18
 - b. RESTRICTED FUNDS
 - Road Fund \$ 509,047.35
 - Fire Fund \$ 138,456.35
 - CSB Fund \$ 0.00
 - Ambulance Fund (-\$9,818.36)
 - Liquor Fund \$ 657.68
 - Solid Waste Fund \$ 99,512.01
 - Metro Fund \$ 12,350.32
 - TOTAL \$ 809,122.53

Clerk Garlitz made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented, seconded by Trustee Dickey, passed 5/0
6. Public Comment: John Sherry, Barb Bertram
7. Old Business – None
8. New Business
 - a. Training for New Board Members - At Kewadin Conference Center - All five members to attend, Total cost \$745.00 Treasurer Handziak made a motion to approve expense for training, seconded by Trustee Dickey, passed 5/0
 - b. Review applications for Part-time Transfer position, Supervisor Roy reviewed the four applications for part time employment, after a short discussion, Clerk Garlitz made a motion to hire Kenneth Biron as the 1st back-up for Transfer Station, and Brett Blackwood as 2nd back-up for Transfer Station. Roll Call Vote, Trustee Dickey, yes, Treasurer Handziak, yes, Supervisor Roy, yes, Clerk Garlitz, yes, and Trustee Moher, yes. Passed 5/0

New Business cont'd

- c. Bids for Snowplowing - Supervisor Roy explained the variety of bids received, and after a short discussion, it was deemed that hiring an employee would be most cost effective for the township. Clerk Garlitz made a motion to hire Kenneth Biron as primary snow plow driver, and Ed McKelvie as back up for Mr. Biron, Seconded by Treasurer Handziak. Roll Call Vote, Trustee Dickey, yes, Treasurer Handziak, Supervisor Roy, yes, Clerk Garlitz, yes and Trustee Moher, yes, passed 5/0
- d. Bids for Sale of Used 1985 Fire Department Tanker, Supervisor Roy explained the two bids for the tanker, Supervisor Roy recommended we take the higher bid. Trustee Dickey made a motion to accept that bid, Seconded by Treasurer Handziak, Roll Call Vote: Trustee Dickey, yes, Treasurer Handziak, yes, Supervisor Roy, yes, Clerk Garlitz, yes, and Trustee Moher, yes. Passed 5/0 Note: Highest bidder was contacted, only wanted the truck, cancelled his bid, Eggleston Volunteer Department wanted tanker, made arrangements to pick up and sent cashier's check.
- e. Gas Cards for Fire Department - Fire Chief Dave Pine explained that our primary vendor for fuel sometimes is closed or unavailable to refill our vehicles and by getting these Fleet gas cards, the township vehicles could be fueled at any time. After a short discussion, Treasurer Handziak made a motion to apply for these Sunoco Gas Cards, Seconded by Trustee Dickey, passed 5/0
- f. Law suits by John M. Willis – Supervisor Roy explained he and Assessor Loup have been in discussions with resident John M. Willis regarding the multiple lawsuits filed by him. In an effort to eliminate the excessive legal fees, Supervisor Roy provided two solutions for the two different courts. An agreement to withdraw the three suits in 50th District Court would be done if Mr. Willis was reimbursed for his costs. Second, Mr. Willis agreed to withdraw his case in Michigan Tax Tribunal Docket # 16-004451 if reimbursed for additional tax charged in previous year. Treasurer Handziak made a motion to reimburse Mr. Willis his costs for the 50th Circuit Court cases if they are dismissed, seconded by Trustee Dickey, Roll call vote, Trustee Dickey, yes, Treasurer Handziak, yes, Supervisor Roy, yes, Clerk Garlitz, yes w/reservations, Trustee Moher, yes. Passed 5/0 Treasurer Handziak made a motion to reimburse Mr. Willis his additional tax charge in MTT Docket # 16-004451 if dismissed, seconded by Trustee Dickey, Roll Call vote: Trustee Dickey, yes, Treasurer Handziak, yes, Supervisor Roy, yes, Clerk Garlitz, yes w/reservations, and Trustee Moher, yes. Passed 5/0
- g. Re-appoint Board of Review Members, Clerk Garlitz made a motion to re-appoint Board of Review Members, Judy Smith, Margie Snider and Jackie Brown, seconded by Supervisor Roy, passed 5/0
 - i. Add D. J. Bumstead as alternate for Board of Review, Clerk Garlitz made a motion to add Mr. Bumstead as the alternate for Board of Review, Seconded by Trustee Dickey, Passed 5/0
- h. Amend the budget- Clerk Garlitz made a motion to make the following changed to the 2016-2017 Budget, seconded by Treasurer Handziak, passed 5/0
 - i. Fire Department – Move \$1,250 from Fire #206-925 Utilities/Propane to Fire #206-804 Meetings and Runs
 - ii. Fire Department - Move \$100 from Fire #206-850 Phone/Communications to Fire #206-833 Lawn Maintenance
 - iii. Fire Department – Move \$200 from Fire #206-960 Education/Training to Fire #206-933 Equipment Maintenance.
 - iv. Ambulance – Move \$500 from Ambulance #210-850 Phone/Communication to Ambulance #210-804 Runs.

New Business cont'd

- i. Fire – Cold Water Rescue Training – Fire Chief Dave Pine explained he would like to have our Volunteer Fire Department take this training on January 21st, would be very beneficial. After a short discussion, Treasurer Handziak made a motion to fund this training, seconded by Trustee Dickey, passed 5/0
9. Pay bills with EFT's and check #7787 thru #7878 – Supervisor Roy made a motion to pay all bills by check number 7787 thru 7878 and EFT's, seconded by Trustee Moher, passed 5/0
10. Public Comment: Julie Wilson, Fred Newton, Kathy Cairns, Eric McKerchie, Bonnie Campeau, John Sherry and Kenneth Biron.
11. Announcements
 - a. Lions Brunch – December 18 – 8:30A to 11:30A – Community Center
12. Adjournment: Supervisor Roy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:51pm, Seconded by Trustee Dickey, passed 5/0

Submitted by Clerk Lynda A. Garlitz