

January 5, 2010

WHITE PIGEON TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regular meeting of the White Pigeon Township Board was held on January 5, 2010, at 7:00 P.M. at the White Pigeon Township Hall located at 16975 US 12, White Pigeon, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Don Gloy. Those in attendance were Supervisor Don Gloy, Trustees David Girton and Richard Strawser, Clerk Lois Phillips, and Treasurer Sherri Krogh. Guests in attendance were Troy Andrews, Jean Tefft, Jill Mellen, Jeff Gates, Tyler Royce, Jaime Hudson, and Lance Thornton.

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORT: The Board approved the minutes of the regular and special meeting held on December 1, 2009 and the minutes of the special meeting held on December 10, 2009 along with the financial statement.

Girton made a motion seconded by Gloy to pay all the bills as presented by the clerk and to approve the bills already paid by the clerk. Those in favor were Gloy, Krogh, Phillips, Strawser, and Girton. No nays. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT: None.

LAND DIVISION/ASSESSOR'S REPORT: The assessor reviewed the 2009 Valuation Studies for St. Joseph County. The Board of Review dates for White Pigeon are March 8th and 9th, 2010.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: The next meeting is scheduled for February 2010.

SEWER REPORT: The sewer board is updating the ordinance for the Industrial Pretreatment Plan.

AMBULANCE REPORT: None.

FIRE ADVISORY REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS: The Board reviewed the Fire Chief's report. Gloy made a motion seconded by Strawser to take \$2000 out of the general fund to contribute to the volunteer firemen's association's campaign for a thermal energy camera. The firemen's association is responsible for obtaining donations for the balance of the \$11000 camera. All in favor were Strawser, Gloy, and Girton. Voting nay were Phillips and Krogh. Motion carried. The Board approved an expenditure of \$600 for Chuck Haines to attend an ice rescue training class.

TJ BRISTLE ARMS PILOT REQUEST: Girton made a motion seconded by Gloy to adopt Ordinance 60 to provide a service charge in lieu of taxes for a proposed multiple family dwelling project for persons of low or moderate income to be financed or

assisted pursuant to the provisions of the state housing development authority act, act 346 of the public acts of Michigan of 1966. Voting in favor were Phillips, Gloy, and Girton. Voting nay were Krogh and Strawser. Motion carried.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES AGREEMENT: Gloy made a motion seconded by Girton to enter into a Municipal Services Agreement with TJ Bristle Arms commencing May 31, 2010. Those in favor were Phillips, Gloy, and Girton. Voting nay were Krogh and Strawser. Motion carried.

CHARGES OF TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY SERVICES (ORDINANCE ADOPTION): Decision tabled.

FIRE DEPARTMENT DRESS PROTOCOL: The issue will be brought before the Fire Advisory Board for discussion.

OFFICE SOFTWARE: Phillips made a motion seconded by Girton to purchase software for the office coordinator at an approximate cost of \$199.00. All in favor were Phillips, Gloy, Krogh, Girton, and Strawser. There were no nays. Motion carried.

CEMETERY TRACTOR/MOWER REPLACEMENT: Gloy will direct the sexton to obtain bids for a new tractor/mower in February 2010.

OTHER BUSINESS: The December 9th community meeting discussing the vision of White Pigeon was well attended. A follow up meeting date will be set in the near future.

Gloy will inform Building Inspector Hess of the Board's concerns regarding the lack of final inspections of building projects and the inspector's responsibility for the costs involved for the inspections if subcontracted out by him.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned by consensus at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Phillips
White Pigeon Township Clerk

