

September 12, 2016

The Rich Township Board met at the Township Hall. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Henne at 7:00 pm. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Curell, Henne, Mathews, Mohr, Running. Members Absent: None.

Visitors: Brad & Kayla Ellsworth, Grace Hay, Jack & Joan Knowlton, Gary Cooley, Ron Randall, Dale Linder, Jacob Gantz. Brenden Miller entered at approximately 7:45.

Gary Cooley set up a camera and recorded the meeting.

Motion by Curell, supported by Mathews to waive the reading of the August minutes and accept them into record as written. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Mohr, supported by Mathews to accept into record the Treasurers Report as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Curell, supported by Mathews to pay the monthly bills as follows: from the General Fund, \$21,189.03 with checks numbered 12454 through 12479, from the Cemetery Fund, \$1060.00 with check number 1059, and from the Mosquito Account \$15,500.00 with check number 1052. MOTION CARRIED.

Relating to concerns about private target shooting at 7709 Silverwood Road, individuals who wished to speak were each given 5 minutes to address the board and audience. Gary Cooley spoke first and expressed his concerns. Brad Ellsworth then spoke and answered questions and comments he had received from Mr. Cooley by certified mail prior to the meeting. Kayla Ellsworth spoke next and offered comments about the situation. Supervisor Henne stated that since the township has no ordinance relating to this subject, there is nothing we can do and the matter should be resolved between the parties involved.

A Dangerous Building Hearing was held regarding a structure at 7930 Silverwood Road. Henne read a letter from Construction Code detailing the condition of the structure and recommending that it be demolished. The owner was present and requested some time to have it removed and the site cleaned up. Motion by Curell, supported by Mathews to allow the owner of 7930 Silverwood Road until December 31, 2016 to have this building demolished and the site cleaned up. MOTION CARRIED.

We received an update on other blight issues.

There was some discussion about the illegal building on Rich Road. The owner was present and expressed his desire to correct the situation. Due to the absence of the township attorney, this matter was tabled until next month. The owner was assured that he would receive a letter from the attorney soon detailing the steps required for compliance with township ordinances.

We discussed bids from 2 different companies for paving the township portion of the parking lot or a smaller section for handicapped parking. Henne will obtain more information about the details of the bids and we may have a special meeting to make a decision on having the work done.

Henne was contacted by an individual and given a bid to clean the outside of the township hall. Motion by Curell, supported by Mathews to spend an amount not to exceed \$500 to power wash and hand wash the outside of the township hall. MOTION CARRIED.

We received a report from Henne on the graveling of township roads that will be done this fall. Motion by Mathews, supported by Mohr to spend approximately \$99,000 for 12,000 tons of gravel on approximately 11 miles of roads in the northwest section of the township. MOTION CARRIED.

The present custodian of the township hall, Amy Running has resigned and the clerk has hired a replacement. Melanie Childs will be the new custodian.

We would like to commend township resident Karen Curell for her book on country schools in the North Branch area. Great work Karen! The clerk will send her a letter of recognition for this accomplishment.

There were 4 zoning permits issued since the last meeting: Michael Harbin, 9920 Silverwood Rd for a pole building; Susan Osborne 8386 Mowatt Rd for a sun porch; Black and Veater 90 W Castle Rd for an addition to an existing tower; Paul Urchick on Barnes Rd for a barn addition.

New zoning ordinance books are available. Motion by Curell, supported by Mathews to set the price at \$7 each for the new zoning ordinance book. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Curell, supported by Mathews to have the clerk write a letter to the County Road Commission urging them to do the needed repairs to the culvert on Barnes Road that had a 15 ton limit placed on it last year. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Mathews, supported by Curell to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Pamela Running, Clerk

Paul Henne, Supervisor

