Eden Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2016 - 8:00 p.m.

This meeting was called to order in the Eden Community Center by Chairman Don Glover, with all present standing to recite the pledge of allegiance. In addition to Mr. Glover, the following Eden Township personnel were present; Trustee Ken Hall, Trustee Ryan Bagent and Fiscal Officer Steve Little. Road Maintenance Supervisor Dan Baker was not present. Several township residents including Tim and Tammy Hahn, Harry Farley, Eric Landis, Jeff Cottrell, and Faith Morgan were also present. In addition to the Eden Township residents, representatives from Newton Township were also in attendance; Trustees Jeff Hindel, Jeff Posey, Scott Ellis and Newton Township Fire Chief and Eden Township Fire Prevention Officer, Jim Glover were present. A copy of the minutes, a monthly cash journal report and; fund, appropriation and revenue status reports were given to the trustees. Ryan Bagent moved to waive the reading of the minutes, Ken Hall seconded the motion all voted in favor, and minutes were filed for the permanent record.

The first order of business was Ryan Bagent making a motion to amend the hourly rate section of the organizational meeting minutes to add the hourly rate for a Road Grader Operator to twenty (\$20) dollars per hour. Ken hall seconded the motion and all trustee voted aye, in favor of the motion.

Public Participation:

Faith Morgan asked about Baker Road and the plan for fixing and/or improving it. Trustee Bagent responded the township had purchased asphalt grindings to repair pot holes. Baker Road South is also in need of pot hole repair. Eric Landis talked about getting levies passed to fix roads and that loggers had destroyed the south end of Baker Road. He went on to say the bids and repairs were frivolous. It was pointed out that most township roads need some maintenance and that Eden Township was not the only township in this predicament. There was lots of discussion from the public regarding the road maintenance issue particularly Baker Road, a request was also made for rough road signs, and the trustees took all comments under advisement. Jeff Cottrell, also a Baker Road resident asked for a paved dust pad in front of his house. He went on to ask if there was going to be anything done for dust control on Baker Road. Trustees Glover and Bagent both responded, "not at this time," at which point Mr. Cottrell asked if he could get that in writing.

The next order of business was for the Newton Township Trustees to discuss the fire contract between Newton Township and Eden Township. They reported making 67 runs into Eden Township in 2015. They went on to report they were now running 24 hours per day 7 days per week with a minimum staff of at least three on duty at an original cost of \$285,000 and now at \$306,802. Their intent was to ask Eden Township residents to pay a portion per run that was closer to what the Newton Township residents were paying. They requested to raise the contract to what Eden Township had agreed to pay Mary Ann for their contract.

Ken hall made a motion to raise the Newton Fire contract to \$42,500 for two years, 2016 and 2017. Ryan Bagent seconded the motion and all trustees voted aye, the motion carried.

I hereby certify that sufficient funds were on deposit for the payment of the forgoing bills when obligated and funds are now on deposit to pay the attached expenditures; ______ Steve Little, Fiscal Officer.

Old Business:

The Sterling has been repaired and returned, the Ford has been picked up to be repaired.

New Business:

Trustee Ken Hall moved to approve the permanent appropriations as proposed and presented by Fiscal Officer Little. Trustee Ryan Bagent seconded the motion and all trustees voted inaye, the motion was approved.

Trustee Bagent moved to table the proposed job descriptions until next meeting so they could review them, Trustee Hall seconded the motion and all voted in favor. The Job descriptions are tabled until the February 29th meeting.

Road Report:

The trustees discussed replacing a culvert on Houdeshell Road with a 3-4 foot in diameter culvert. There was discussion regarding the size and where to purchase it. It was mention that Elm's now carried culvert and that we had an account there. Trustee Bagent moved to buy a 3' X 40' culvert for Houdeshell Road. Trustee Hall seconded the motion alol voted aye and the motion was approved.

Trustee Bagent moved to pay the bills, Trustee Hall seconded the motion and all voted in favor. The attached listing is a true and accurate listing of the bills that were presented to be paid.

Trustee Hall made a motion to adjourn, Trustee Bagent seconded the motion and all Trustees voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned.

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