

**Regular Meeting of the Lovells Township Board**

**May 14, 2019**

**PRESENT:** Ann C. Duby, Cheryl Hopp, Cynthia Infante-Inman, Heather Lovell, and Gary A. Neumann.

**ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Sally Brand, Jim Shiflett, and Carol Brand.

Supervisor Neumann called the Board Meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

10:01 AM-Neumann moved, Lovell supported a motion to recess the Regular Meeting of the Board in order to convene a Public Hearing. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Neumann briefed on the purpose of the hearing: (1) receive public input regarding our application for a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MI NRTF) Grant to construct the proposed Lovells Access Site and (2) consider the adoption of a resolution of authorization to apply for the MI NRTF Grant and within the resolution outline total estimated cost of the proposed Public Access Site, plus the amounts of "in kind" and "cash" donations available to meet the local match requirement of the MI NRTF Grant program. Neumann briefed on the proposed Resolution in detail.

10:13 AM-Neumann opened Public Comment. Carol Brand asked for a copy of the project costs. Neumann stated he will provide after the meeting. Hopp asked, "When will the project start?" Neumann stated that, if the Grant is approved, construction may commence in the summer of 2020.

10:15 AM-Neumann closed the Public Comment Period.

Neumann moved, Lovell supported a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing and return to the recessed Regular Meeting of the Board. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Neumann moved, Hopp supported a motion to accept the Resolution of Authorization to Apply for the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant as presented. In a roll call vote: All Ayes. RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Neumann moved, Hopp supported a motion to accept the minutes of the April 3, 2019 Special Meeting of the Board. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Neumann moved, Lovell supported a motion to accept the minutes of the April 9, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Board as presented. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Neumann moved, Hopp supported a motion to approve pre-paid vouchers dated April 5, 2019 through May 9, 2019 as presented: General Fund totaling \$8,977.63; Direct Deposit Checks totaling \$6,750.67; Fire Fund totaling \$5,845.47; Landfill Fund totaling \$5,463.93, and Liquor Fund totaling \$88.97. In a roll call vote: All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

**Treasurer's Report:** Accepted as presented.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Letter from Michigan Township Participating Plan RE: \$437.08 dividend; Letter from Markey Township Treasurer RE: Her candidacy for Michigan Township Participating Plan's Board of Directors.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Assessing** – Neumann reported that our Assessor will be working with Duby on Summer Tax Bills; Assessor finished her 20% review at Warblers Hideaway Association; She found construction at three parcels with no building permit; Neumann to address the permitting process in our Summer Newsletter.

**Fire Department** – Infante-Inman briefed on Chief Lewicki's written report; Five runs for the month of April (1-Fire/4-EMS); Dept. purchasing new wildland firefighting jump suits for personnel from Douglas

Safety for the cost of \$3,168.25 which was approved and funded by the Friends of the Lovells Fire & EMS.

**Cemetery Sexton-** No report.

**Liquor Inspector-** Infante-Inman reported received and on file.

**Zoning Administrator** – Infante-Inman briefed on Gauthier’s written report- Two Zoning Permits issued and no Zoning matters to report for April 2019.

**Zoning Enforcement Officer** – Neumann briefed on a couple cases Tallieu is working on.

**COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS:**

**Board of Review** – Neumann reported that Board of Review will meet in July.

**Historical Society** – Lovell reported that they had a great trout opener event; Trailer removed from property; Infante-Inman to inform our insurance agent to remove from the policy; Upcoming events- Beaver, Beer & Banjo and Historical Lodge Tour (details available on their website [lovellsmuseum.com](http://lovellsmuseum.com)).

**Lovells Media and Reading Center** – Hopp reported all is well.

**Lovells Township Planning Commission** –Infante- Inman reported that they have three Special Use Permit Applications for Short Term Rentals which will be heard on Monday, May 20, 2019 at 5 PM.

**Crawford County Planning Commission** –Infante- Inman reported that the NEMCOG proposal regarding Master Plans appears to be failing due to lack of township participation; They will be meeting again next month.

**Zoning Board of Appeals** – No report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Neumann briefed on Proposed Access Site visit planned for tomorrow.
2. Articles for Summer Newsletter due to Lovell by 6/1/19.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Neumann briefed on the proposed Lovells Township Ordinance prohibiting marihuana establishments within the township. Neumann moved, Hopp supported a motion to adopt the Lovells Township Ordinance (#5-14 of 2019) Prohibiting Marijuana Establishments Within the Township as presented. In a roll call vote: All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Neumann moved, Lovell supported a motion to increase the payment on Full Burial Grave Opening/Closing at the Lovells Township Cemetery from \$375.00 to \$400.00. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:** Infante-Inman reported that the Friends of the Lovells Township Volunteer Fire & EMS Dept. approved paying the Grayling High School Band \$1,000 to lead the 2019 Lovells Bridge Walk Parade.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

11:03 AM -Neumann opened public comment; Hopp commented on Short Term Rentals; 11:08 AM- Neumann closed public comment period.

11:08 AM -Neumann moved, Hopp supported a motion to adjourn. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Next Regular Meeting of the Board will be Tuesday, June 11, 2019, 10 AM at the Town Hall.

Cynthia Infante-Inman

Lovells Township Clerk