

Regular Meeting of the Lovells Township Board

September 11, 2018

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Carol Brand, Heide Miller, Dennis Helka, Frank Lohr, Ron Tallieu and David Soderquist.

Supervisor Neumann called the Board Meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for Patriot's Day.

10:03 AM Neumann moved, Lovell supported a motion to recess the Regular Meeting of the Board and enter into a Public Hearing on Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20 Lovells Township Fire & EMS and Landfill budgets. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Neumann briefed on the Fire & EMS Budget. Neumann briefed on the Landfill Budget.

10:09 AM Public Comment opened. No comments.

10:10 AM Public Comment closed.

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

Neumann moved, Infante-Inman supported a motion to adopt the FY 2019-20 Fire & EMS Fund Budget as previously presented and discussed, with estimated total income at \$96,426.00 and estimated expenses at \$96,190.00. In a roll call vote: All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Neumann moved, Hopp supported a motion to adopt the FY 2019-20 Landfill Fund Budget as previously presented and discussed, with estimated income at \$67,750.00 and estimated expenses at \$65,120.00. In a roll call vote: All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Neumann moved, Lovell supported a motion to accept the minutes of the August 14, 2018 Regular Meeting of the Board as presented. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

10:15 Duby left meeting to collect taxes.

Neumann moved, Hopp supported a motion to approve pre-paid vouchers dated August 10, 2018 through September 6, 2018 as presented: General Fund totaling \$19,580.03; Direct Deposit Checks totaling \$6,029.37; Fire Fund totaling \$4,313.74; Landfill Fund totaling \$6,682.43 and Liquor Fund totaling \$9.62. In a roll call vote: All Ayes with Duby absent. MOTION CARRIED.

10:17 Duby returned to meeting.

Treasurer's Report received and accepted as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE: MTA Letter RE: Our Membership and an Email from Carol Brand RE: Grow Pittsburg.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Assessing – Neumann reported that Assessor and Supervisor will be checking on completed and outstanding building permits over the next few months.

Fire Department – Infante-Inman reported on Chief Lewicki's written report; For August 2018 they had seven runs total (three fire/four medical); no other matters to report.

Liquor Inspector – Infante-Inman received the report and it is on file.

Zoning Administrator – Infante-Inman briefed on Gauthier's written report-Four Zoning Permits issued and no Zoning matters to report.

Zoning Enforcement Officer – No report.

COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS:

Board of Review – Neumann reported no December BOR as of yet.

Historical Society – Lovell reported that their docent is leaving and the museum may close early; Scott's Lodge Tour, September 16, 2018, 1-4 PM; See Eric Bankhead for tickets.

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

Lovells Township Planning Commission – Infante-Inman reported on the PC's Public Hearing (PH) held on August 27, 2018 on the Proposed Zoning Amendment regarding chickens on parcels less than ten acres; PC decided to provide the Board with the PH minutes and correspondence and return the proposed amendment to the Board with no changes

Crawford County Planning Commission – No report.

Zoning Board of Appeals – No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. All Board Members are registered for the October 22, 2018 "MTA On the Road" Regional Meeting . We will discuss carpooling at the October meeting.

2. Neumann briefed on the Historical Society's proposed Museum Expansion. Infante-Inman mentioned that this should go before the PC; Neumann disagreed.

10:28 Duby left meeting to collect taxes; 10:44 Duby returned to meeting.

3. Board discussed proposed Lovell Township Zoning Ordinance Amendment to add a new Section 3.11A Concerning Chickens. Infante-Inman moved, Hopp supported a motion to adopt the amendment as presented. In a roll call vote: Duby Aye, Lovell Nay, Neumann Aye, Hopp Aye, Infante-Inman Aye; four Aye, one Nay; MOTION CARRIED. Lovell explained her no vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Neumann briefed on propane supplier for the upcoming heating season. Neumann moved, Infante-Inman supported a motion to accept the quote of \$1.399/gallon capped from Fick & Sons. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

10:55 Duby left meeting to collect taxes; 10:58 Duby returned to meeting.

2. Neumann briefed on Resolution 9-11-2018 which he authored RE: the opposition to proposed local government reform to Assessing Departments by the State Legislature. Board discussed. Neumann moved, Lovell supported a motion to adopt Resolution 9-11-18 "In Opposition to the Proposed Reform of Assessing Within the State of Michigan"; In a roll call vote: All Ayes; RESOLUTION PASSED.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: Snowplowing bids; River Access Site; FOIA Request for General Presidential Election 2016; Infante-Inman gave 2018 Bridge Walk report; Joint Land Use Study; Ballot Proposal to legalize Recreational Marijuana.

11:13 Duby left meeting to collect taxes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

11:15 AM-Neumann opened public comment; Miller commented on roads; Infante-Inman mentioned five-year road plan and local task force; Dennis Helka commented on Zoning Amendment passed today and for the record "he is not looking to start an argument with neighbors"; Tallieu commented on Transfer Station Memo written by Neumann; Soderquist commented on USDA Guidelines for slaughter of chickens; Brand commented on gardening.

11:20 Duby returned to meeting.

11:43 AM-Neumann closed public comment period.

11:43 AM Neumann moved, Infante-Inman supported a motion to adjourn. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Next Regular Meeting of the Board will be Tuesday, October 9, 2018, 10 AM at the Town Hall.

Cynthia Infante-Inman

Lovells Township Clerk