

TENTATIVE (pending approval September 6, 2018)

Riley Township

August 9, 2018

7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Potts at 7:00 PM. Board members present Feldpausch, Powell, Lawless, and Martens. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Feldpausch, support by Lawless to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

The Girl Scouts were recognized with certificates of appreciation after they presented the township with a toy box full of activities for youngsters who attend events at the hall.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Martens, support by Feldpausch to approve July meeting minutes. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Treasurer's report presented showing balances of:

Special Project Fund \$100067.69

General Fund Checking \$87962.56

Road and Bridge Fund \$79203.00

TOTAL \$267233.25

Motion by Powell, support by Lawless, to approve treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

NONE

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:

Dave Pohl, County Commissioner –

Commissioner Pohl shared county updates including the passage of the mileage allocation, activities that are occurring around veteran services, and an update on Dark Store litigation. The county audit came back in good shape with pension funds being funded at 100%. St. Johns will be the home of a new dairy processor in the industrial park. Dan Hufnagel is the replacement after the departure of Al Hoard in the County Building and Zoning department. Discussion included the process to address failing septic systems. There is now an implementation timeline for the Michigan Indigent Defense Fund.

Pete Preston, Township Assessor –

Assessor Preston was unable to attend

Roy Thelen, DAESA –

Runs for July in the township were 6. The new process of having staffed daytime hours is resulting in quicker response times and no missed calls. Officers were reinstated for another term. The truck committee met yesterday and will be bringing information forward next month.

Randy Whitney, Planning Commission –
The planning commission has nothing to report currently.

OLD BUSINESS:

Drain work will be commencing in the township.

NEW BUSINESS:

Variance request for Derrick Anderson for 10334 Francis Road: This is a request for a variance to the livestock outside of a farming operation. Discussion occurred. These are children's pets who receive regular veterinary care. Motion by Martens, support by Powell the variance request. Motion carried. Clerk Powell will draft a letter in support.

Variance request for Kevin and Julie Garvey for 7583 S Forest Hill Road: This is a variance request for an exception to the front yard set back to allow for the construction of a porch on a single-family residence. Motion by Martens, support by Lawless. Motion carried. Clerk Powell will draft a letter in support.

Informational item on the McCrumb property: A local resident is pursuing having that property rezoned to commercial to accommodate an automotive repair facility. This is an area of other commercial properties in the township and would align with current zoning practice in the township.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Bill warrant presented. Motion by Feldpausch, support by Martens to approve bills dated August 9, 2018. Motion carried.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Feldpausch, support by Powell to adjourn, meeting closed 7:33 PM.

Respectfully,

Lisa Powell, Clerk