

TENTATIVE (pending approval August 11, 2016)

Riley Township                      July 7, 2016                      7:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Chant at 7:30 PM. Board members present Powell, Feldpausch, Martens and Silm. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Powell, support by Martens to approve agenda as presented. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Feldpausch, support by Silm to approve June 2, 2016 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Treasurer's report presented showing balances of:

General Fund Checking	\$34844.53
General Fund Savings	\$82233.36
Road and Bridge Fund	\$119587.80
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$236665.69</b>

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

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:

Pete Preston, Assessor –

- The assessor's office is working on the townships reappraisal of residential and agricultural property reassessment.
- The board of review will be preparing for their July meeting.

Roy Thelen, DeWitt Area Emergency Services Authority –

- Roy reported that the fire authority filled officer positions, two of which are Riley Township residents.
- Officer Powell will also be attending the National Fire Academy in Maryland at the end of the month.

Don Potts, Cemetery Planning -

- The cemetery improvements continue to progress, with the intention of working towards reopening the cemetery to township residents.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

There are no non-agenda items to discuss.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business to address.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

State of Michigan DNR Officer Chad Fedewa-

- was present to discuss deer management and chronic wasting disease (CWD). Additional deer were found in Clinton County/Watertown Township last fall which has expanded the identified zone for chronic wasting concerns.
- Officer Fedewa provided the history of CWD, mechanism of transmission, and symptoms. With the expanded zone, Riley Township will be included in the core zone. That will mean that all hunting licenses will be for 333 Deer management instead of the usual 019 Clinton County private land, and having your deer checked will be mandatory. They are hoping to have a total of 5 check stations that are open 7 days a week with the exception of holidays. They were located at Rose Lake, Williamston Township, Lansing, Grand Ledge and possibly Riley Township. They bring a trailer with two or more people depending on the time of hunting season.
- Officer Fedewa explained the testing process. Dumpsters will be available at the check stations for carcass disposal. They have processes in place for deer that are intended for display (European mount, shoulder mount, etc). The DNR will test deer from anywhere in the state.
- BOARD ACTION - Motion by Powell, support by Feldpausch to allow the DNR to hold a deer harvesting check station at the Riley Township Hall. Motion carried.

Bob Jesse and Veronica Thelen, Briggs District Library Board -

- Presented on the transition of Briggs Public Library to Briggs District Library. Mr. Jesse provided the history of the transition and the implementation of a new library board and ballot funding to secure a steady funding source. He discussed the implications if the mileage is not secured in the upcoming August election.
- The mileage will fund repairs, expanded hours and programming, computer stations, security system and warehouse facility repurposing. The library is no longer a department of the city of St. Johns, as well as the building will soon become property of the district library.
- He encourages residents to check out the website to learn more about what the library has to offer.

#### APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Motion by Feldpausch, support by Martens to approve bill warrant dated July 7, 2016. Motion carried.

#### ADJOURN:

Motion by Powell, support by Feldpausch to adjourn, meeting closed 8:39 PM.

Respectfully,

Lisa Powell, Clerk