

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FILER
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
RESCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Filer Township Hall
2505 Filer City Road
Manistee, Michigan 49660
MARCH 9, 2017

Present: Dean Kruse, Shirley Ball, Brian Krus, Thomas Stege, Terry Walker, Kathy Gutowski

Absent: Dale Kolanowski

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Walker at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Kruse, Seconded by Ball to approve the Meeting Agenda as presented with the Addition of Items "J" and "K". All in favor. M/C

Motion by Stege, Seconded by Krus to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. All in favor. M/C

Communications and Announcements:

Motion by Ball, Seconded by Kruse, to have Kathy Gutowski schedule a date for the Manistee County Planning Commission to hold their monthly meeting at Filer Township Hall. All in favor. M/C

Public Comment:

Laura Burman from the Lakeland Association was concerned about the Magoon Creek Project. She asked what prompted the project and what the status was. Walker informed her that the plans could possibly be changing and that a public hearing would be held in the near future.

Department and Committee Reports:

Motion by Kruse, Seconded by Ball to begin discussion with Wade Trim and the 911 Board on a shared cost for a backup generator for the Red Apple Road Tower. All in favor. M/C

Ron Gutowski, Fire Chief, requested permission to fill above ground swimming pools. The payment of the water cost will be covered by the fire fighters. Ball indicated that we should contact our Township Attorney to make sure there is no problem using the equipment.

Motion by Kruse, Seconded by Gutowski, to approve the Personnel Committee's recommendation to hire Larry Thompson for the part-time Zoning Administrator position at a rate of \$15.00 per hour for a probationary period of 90 days with a possible wage increase after that time. Part-time hours will be Tuesday and Thursday from 9 AM – Noon and 1-3 PM and as needed by appointment. Hours will not exceed 20 hours per week without Supervisor's approval. Roll call vote – Stege-yes, Ball-yes, Krus-yes, Walker-yes, Kruse-yes, Gutowski-yes. 6 yeas, 0 nays. M/C

New Business:

Motion by Krus, Seconded by Kruse to approve the presented Wages/Salaries/Charges & Fees Resolution for Fiscal Year 2018. Roll call vote: Gutowski-yes, Kruse-yes, Walker-yes, Krus-yes, Ball-yes, Stege-yes. 6 Yea, 0 Nay. M/C

Motion by Kruse, Seconded by Stege to approve the presented Fiscal Year 2018 Budget, as discussed at the at the Budget Hearing held on February 7, 2017, and appropriate the millage for the purpose of 1.39555 township operating, 1.00000 refuse (garbage), .5000 fire and rescue and .5000 fire bond. Roll call vote: Ball-yes, Gutowski-yes, Walker-yes, Krus-yes, Stege-yes, Kruse-yes. 6 Yea, 0 Nay. M/C

Motion by Kruse, Seconded by Gutowski to advertise in the local newspaper for a spring brush pick-up. All in Favor. M/C

Motion by Ball, Seconded by Walker to approve the presented Downtown Development Authority Budget for Fiscal Year 2018 and appropriate the captured millage for Downtown Development Authority projects. Roll call vote: Walker-yes, Gutowski-yes, Ball-yes, Kruse-yes, Stege-yes, Krus-yes. 6 Yea, 0 Nay. M/C

Motion by Walker, Seconded by Krus to approve the annual amount of \$5,000.00 for the Manistee Public Access Television as payment for monthly taping services of the Township Board meeting for fiscal year 2018. Roll call vote: Ball-yes, Gutowski-yes, Stege-yes, Walker-yes, Kruse-yes, Krus-yes. 6 Yea, 0 Nay. M/C

Motion by Walker, Seconded by Kruse to approve the annual support from the Manistee Recreation Association in the amount of \$9,000.00 to be paid in quarterly payments, for recreational services offered to Township residents. Roll call vote: Gutowski-yes, Walker-yes, Stege-yes, Walker-yes, Kruse-yes, Krus-yes. 6 Yea, 0 Nay. M/C

Motion by Stege, Seconded by Gutowski to approve the presented bid from May Drywall in the amount of \$2,700.00, for drywall work to be done at the 2011 Nelson Street Office. Roll call vote: Krus-yes, Kruse-yes, Walker-yes, Stege-yes, Gutowski-yes, Ball-yes. 6 Yea, 0 Nay. M/C

Motion by Ball, Seconded by Kruse to approve the presented bid from Swidorski Bros. Excavating LLC, in the amount of \$14,850.00, for concrete work including driveway and porch at the Nelson Street Office. Roll call vote: Walker-yes, Kruse-yes, Stege-yes, Gutowski-yes, Krus-yes, Ball-yes. 6 Yea, 0 Nay. M/C

Motion by Kruse, Seconded by Krus to approve the presented bid from Haglunds Floor, in the amount of \$4,850.00, for work to be done at the Nelson Street Office. Roll call vote: Stege-yes, Gutowski-yes, Ball-yes, Walker-yes, Krus-yes, Kruse-yes. 6 Yea, 0 Nay. M/C

Motion by Krus, Seconded by Stege to approve the Supervisor's recommendation to appoint Jim Espvik for the position of Fire Chief effective April 1, 2017. Roll call vote: Kruse-yes, Ball-yes, Stege-yes, Krus-yes, Gutowski-yes, Walker-yes. 6 Yea, 0 Nay. M/C

Motion by Krus, Seconded by Walker to approve the continuation of the Fire Chief Salary to Ron Gutowski for April and May 2017, to train the new Fire Chief. Roll call vote: Stege-yes, Ball-yes, Krus-yes, Walker-yes, Kruse-yes, Gutowski-yes. 6 Yea, 0 Nay. M/C

Supervisor Walker asked the Board to start thinking of an official name for the 2011 Nelson Street Office.

Motion by Kruse, Supported by Krus to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. M/C
Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Submitted,

Kathy Gutowski
Charter Township of Filer Clerk