

Hillsdale Township
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
held on Tuesday, August 10, 2004
at 7:00 PM at 2985 W. Bacon Road
Hillsdale, Michigan 49242

Board members present: Vincent, Sullivan, Sanford, Mary Campbell as Deputy Treasurer. Freese arrived at 7:15 p.m. Marv Campbell was absent. Call to order by Vincent at 7:00. Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests: Betty Keeling, Duane Keeling, Tom Evans, Kelly Lantis.

Correspondence: Sullivan will send mapping data to the MTA website for survey. Last Planning Commission appointment will be tabled until December meeting when a new Township Board Planning Commission representative will be appointed.

Minutes of the Board meeting held on July 13, 2004 were accepted as read. Minutes of the Planning Commission Meeting held on June 19, 2004 were noted.

MOTION PASSED to pay the bills of the township. Freese/Sanford.

The Gateway Campground situation was discussed. At the July meeting, the Board received a response from Wilcox's attorney Stephen Winter outlining the current inventory at the campground. Bill Vincent will contact Board attorney Jim Marks to discuss our response and to propose no expansion beyond current conditions, e.g. no more than 5 docks no longer than 120 ft. long, no more than 55 watercraft moored within their dock space, etc. Vincent to report back at September meeting.

There has been no further college zoning information. Vincent did report that he sent certified letter to Jeff Dillon, Rhonda Humphries, Chad Hanning, and Gordon Wilkinson concerning their violations. Only Jeff Dillon of Ferndale Drive cleaned up his residence.

MOTION PASSED to pursue the remaining three violators (Humphries, Hanning, and Wilkinson) who did not conform. (Sullivan, Sanford) Vincent will contact Marks to pursue legal information regarding the process. Board agreed that a defined legal process needs to be in place for pursuing violators.

Vincent purchased the new desk and chair for the new addition for elected officials who would like to do some or all of their work at the hall. Board needs to outline usage agreement for office equipment.

Sullivan will inquire about package prices for local, long distance, and dial-up networking for the hall. Vincent will contact Tom Blank to connect addition phone line with current hall phone line.

Vincent will also contact Chuck McKeown to install digitized cemetery map on hall computer to use in conjunction with the cemetery mapping software.

Sullivan has spoken to Republic Waste concerning bids for the township refuse disposal to compare to TriState's agreement and costs. Exact costs will be available at the September meeting.

Betty Keeling spoke to the Board asking to have her office full-time in the Township Hall. She had contacted legal authorities at MTA concerning this matter. Sullivan responded that although the assessor's office could be in the hall, the Board is not legally responsible to provide her with an office. Sanford stated this could be pursued if it was found to be in the best interest of the township.

MOTION PASSED to pursue the possibility of assessor having an office in the township hall.
Aye: Sullivan, Freese, Sanford. Nay: Vincent.

Sullivan spoke concerning the recent phone calls made to new Township Board members who will not be sworn in until November 20, 2004. The calls concern township business that should be conducted at board meetings only. Vincent confirmed that this practice is not how we do business.

MOTION PASSED to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. Vincent/Freese.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacquelyn A. Sullivan, Clerk

Date adopted: _____, Initials _____