

MERRY LAKE PROJECT AND TOWNSHIP SEWER MEETING MINUTES
14840 GASS LAKE ROAD CAMDEN, MI 49232
7:30 PM
FEBRUARY 10, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Brad Smith calls the Amboy Township Sewer Meeting of February 10, 2010 to order. Board members present were Brad Smith, Heather Stump, Roger Pitts, Sam Brown and Bernadine Schaedler. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present. There were 6 guests in attendance.

MINUTES

The January 13, 2010 Township Sewer Meeting minutes were presented, Sam Brown made a motion to accept the minutes and Roger Pitts supported the motion. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

SYSTEM AND PROJECT REPORT/SEWER REPORTS

Rick Mahoney reported that it was a quiet month, just checking the ponds and recording the numbers. John and Keith reported everything was ok, no problems or issues. Sam Brown asked Rick his opinion of the needs at Merry Lake and Rick said we need to make these changes before the DEQ makes us with maybe at a larger expense, if we miss our window with Rural Dev. and the grants that are currently available. If something terrible happens to the system, that is what they will require.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

Brad Smith said we will have to set up a special meeting with the Merry Lake people to get an update from Jeff Pugh on the status of the sewer and the option available.

PUBLIC COMMENT OPEN---7:39 PM CLOSED---7:42 PM

A question was asked who will pay for the update to the sewer system, and only the users, per the attorney's are responsible to pay. The empty lots that have been paying a readiness fee will pay a trunk age fee when they hook up, and then will pay a pro-rated yearly user fee.

MEETING ADJOURNED Motion to adjourn was made by Heather Stump, and supported by Sam Brown.

AMBOY TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

The January 13, 2010 Regular Board Meeting minutes were presented and accepted by a motion from Heather Stump and supported by Sam Brown. With no further discussion, the motion carried. TIME 7:45PM

VISITORS

Brad Benzing reported from the county commissioner office on the availability of the Drain Report, the farmers market, aquifer extension date and outside wood burner permits.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Discussion on the aquifer extension and the wood stove permits.

OLD BUSINESS

Budgets are due at the end of March, we need to get the tax roll turned over and set up the budgets, looking closely at things that usually change and increase, like the insurance, fire runs. etc. We are hosting the MTA monthly meeting for Hillsdale County on April 7, 2010. The MSU extension office room has been reserved by Brad Smith, Sam, Roger and Heather are working on a speaker.

Mowing bids were opened for the Cemeteries, and a motion was made by Heather Stump and supported by Sam Brown to award Tuesday Brown the Cemetery Bid. Many comments were made on how well she did last year at the cemeteries. There was only one bid for the Sewer Mowing and a motion was made by Sam Brown to award the bid to Mel Schaedler the bid and supported by Roger Pitts. Questions were asked about offering two or three year contracts and it will be taken under advisement by the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Bernadine has requested a position change to deputy clerk and a motion was made by Brad Smith to accept the position change and supported by Heather Stump. A motion was then made by Brad Smith and supported by Sam Brown to put an ad in the paper to accept applications for the Clerk position.

The Board of Review dates are: March 11, 2010, 9:00-12:00 AM, and 1:00-4:00 PM...
March 12, 2010, 1:00-4:00 PM, and 6:00-9:00 PM...

The Board needs to choose what proposal to approve for this years dust control with JLM Tank Truck.. A motion was made by Roger Pitts to choose proposal 4, and supported by Sam Brown. Brad Smith will send in the post card to get price discounts.

The Board needs to approve the insurance policy with Burham and Flower, a motion was made to continue with the \$100.00 deductible policy by Heather Stump and supported by Roger Pitts. Brad Smith will send in the signed form.

The Board needs to rule on the land combination for Mike Grodi, there were questions the Board has for assessor Lou Burke, and Brad Smith will get the answers to the questions and report back at the next meeting.

The Board needs to rule on a land Combination for Sam Brown. A motion was made by Roger Pitts to accept the combination and supported by Heather Stump.

The Board needs to contact the Pioneer Fire Dept.on updating the contract. Brad Smith will call Al Fiser and start the process.

The Board needs to address the plan for the upcoming year with the Road Commission. This plan will be implemented as soon as the budget is complete.

PUBLIC COMMENT: OPEN: 9:00 PM CLOSED: 9:05 PM

Mike Grodi wanted a lilac bush trimmed or removed at the corner of Camden and Wood-bridge, Roger said that was not in our township, when Bob G. from the Road Commission is contacted next or at our next meeting, we will inform him of the obstruction. Also, it was

asked if the ground up pavement in the area road construction was available for the roads in place of gravel. It was thought not to be a good material when it comes to scraping the roads.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Heather reported current tax collection at 74%. Heather also asked for a motion to transfer \$12,000.00 from the General Fund to the Lake Diane Paving Loan payment due March 1,2010. A motion was made by Sam Brown and supported by Roger Pitts. The funds will be replaced by the current tax collection or the CD that matures on 3-14-2010. Heather will be at the township hall Saturday Feb. 13, 2010, 10:00-2:00 PM collecting taxes. A motion was made by Sam Brown to pay the bills including 3 Heather received 2-10-2010, the annual service software of \$235.00, the Hillsdale News at \$234.64 and Current Office Solutions of \$43.47. The motion was supported by Roger Pitts. Heather also said she and Cindy Pitts went to the census meeting and reported to get the word out to fill out the forms in March. Sam Brown stated we did not have to act on the Fireworks permit, that someone would contact the township when they need it.

ADJOURNMENT

Sam Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 PM, and Roger Pitts supported the motion. With no further matters before the board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

BRAD SMITH

Next Meeting.....March 10, 2010

THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED.....