

Amboy Township Board Meeting Minutes
14840 Grass Lake Road Camden, MI 49232
7:30 pm February 11, 2009
APPROVED

Call to Order

Supervisor Julie Kanouse calls the Amboy Township Regular Board Meeting of February 11, 2009 to order. Board members present were Julie Kanouse, Bernadine Schaedler, Sam Brown, Roger Pitts, and William Kanouse.

Minutes

The January 14, 2009 Regular Board Meeting minutes were presented and accepted by a motion from by Sam Brown with support from Roger Pitts. With no further discussion the motion carried.

Sewer Report

Sewer report was presented during the special meeting at 7:00 pm

Visitors

Gary Leininger, Hillsdale County Treasurer, 911 ballot presentation
Brad Benzing, Hillsdale County Commission, County Update
Jeff Layman, Hillsdale County Chamber, Presentation of county visitor guide

Bid Opening –

Sealed bids were received by Supervisor Kanouse until 02/05/09 at 5:00 pm Sealed bids were opened and read by Supervisor Kanouse. B. Schaedler removed herself from voting due to a possible conflict of interest. Mel's Construction is owned by B. Schaedler's son.

Sewer Mow Roger Pitts made a motion to award the 2009 sewer mowing contract to Mel's Construction for \$165.00 per mow each pond. Supervisor will contact Mel for contract signature and proof of insurance. Sam Brown supported the motion. With no further discussion the motion carried.

Cemetery Mow Sam Brown made a motion to award the 2009 cemetery mow contract to Tuesday Brown for \$550.00 per mow not to exceed seasonal rate of \$4,200.00. This bid includes the township hall and spring and fall cleanup. William Kanouse supported the motion. Supervisor Kanouse will contact Tuesday for contract signature and proof of insurance. With no further discussion the motion carried.

Public Comments

Public comments opened at 8:50 pm
Black top cracking in from of church at Merry Lake
Public comment closed at 8:55 pm

Old Business

Hillsdale County Road Commission – meeting with HCRC resulted in projects are limited as HCRC does not have funds and twp will have to fund projects.

JLM- R. Pitts made a motion to contract with JLM proposal #4. B. Schaedler supported the motion. J. Kanouse will mail the post card back to insure discount. With no further discussion the motion carried.

New Business

Policy update – Poverty Exemption & Soldier Tax Exemption revisions to include new monetary limits.

Tax Collection Policy adoption W. Kanouse made a motion to adopt the changes to the poverty and soldier tax policies and add the Tax Collection Policy to the administrative handbook. Roger supported the motion. One typographical error identified on the Tax Collection Policy identified by S. Brown will be made. With no further discussion the motion carried.

Budget

Board reviewed each line item on the draft budget presented by the supervisor and treasurer. *General Fund* - Dust Control will be paid for out of road millage funds thus reducing general fund expenses. Cemetery Mowing bid secured for less than last year reducing general fund expenses. Other line items remain the same. Both sewer budgets were also reviewed and discussed.

A budget hearing will be held prior to the March board meeting.

Public Comments

Open 9:50 pm
Residents living on lakes need to be reminded to not turn the power off to their homes when they leave. This causes damage to the sewer system.
Closed 9:55 pm

Treasurer Report

William Kanouse gave the Treasurer Report including an update on the tax collection and account balances. Supervisor Kanouse asked to add a disbursement of \$20.00 to Hillsdale County MTA for annual dues. Board reviewed disbursements and a motion was made by Sam Brown to pay the monthly bills. Roger Pitts supported the motion. With no further discussion the motion carried.

Adjournment

W. Kanouse made a motion to adjourn the meeting with support by Roger Pitts. With no further matters before the board the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Kanouse