

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

The minutes of the regular township board meeting held July 12, 2005, at the Jefferson Township Hall, Osseo, Michigan. Approved _____
Approved as corrected 8-9-2005

The regular meeting of the Jefferson Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor, Steve Wismar, at 7:30 P.M., July 12, 2005.

The Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of the township board members:

Present: Wismar, Lockwood, Schrom, B. Keiser, & S. Keiser

Absent: None

After corrections of the minutes were made, L. Schrom moved to accept the corrected agenda. B. Keiser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Visiting speakers:

George Gier stated the shoulders and stripping will be done for the Skuse Road recap project later on. He stated the second round of brining for the township's gravel roads will start in a couple of weeks and will be done in the same way as before.

Brad Densmore, Hillsdale County Commissioner reported updates on the security for the court house and annex. The system for both is going to cost around \$60,000.00. Cameras will be connected to the sheriff's department (the same as schools are). Also monitors will be installed for fires as well as extinguishers and changing locks. These items should last for fifteen to twenty years. People working in the court house and annex will have to have fire drills and safety drills as they have not been having these. A second session is being planned in one week: elevator is to be discussed at that time. One/half mill for one year would cost residents around \$25.00 per year. The Sheriff's Dept. is looking at new bullet proof vests; needing around thirty-seven, costing about \$400.00 each. A grant will be coming in in October 2005 for one-half of the cost which is about fourteen grand. The vests would be purchased from Cavalier.

Announcements:

Received an e-mail from Senator Stabenow regarding the on-going problem of Canadian trash being imported to Michigan.

There will be a MTA District Meeting to be held on 9-22-05 in Ann Arbor, MI regarding the SS# privacy act. A letter received if anyone wishes to read it.

MTA request for "Living the Vision" DVD or VHS is available.

Letter received from Osborne, March, & Condon asking to be the township's auditor.

Postcard received regarding Maumee River Basin Partnership. A meeting to be held on July 21, 2005 in Defiance, Ohio. The card was given to Dave Gier.

Public Comments-none

Officer & Committee reports:

There are four historic pictures available which were taken when the old voting machines were removed from Jefferson Township Hall.

Steve Wismar will be attending the Wheatland Township meeting with Les Moose regarding the contract payment.

A new complaint on the old store at Cole Road and K Drive situation. The truck is gone, but needs more cleanup.

No change in the other blight situations.

There are complaints each day regarding burning on Lake Drive. People wanting to burn need to call 911.

J. Lockwood reported \$4,098.45 received from the State. Jefferson Township paid Michigan Gas \$16,252.69.

The Headlee Amendment millage is reduced from one mill to .7986 for 2005, and was accepted.

L. Schrom suggested that we start doing a few repairs as we go along. A few things needing repairs on the township hall are: the hall ceiling (roof-leakage spots), painting floor boards, a vent, and shutters. Ron Wright will take care of the small maintenance repairs.

B. Keiser attended the Chambers Economic plan meeting. The plan s for helping small businesses as well as manufacturing and commercial businesses. The Chamber and the Industrial Committee will pool their membership dues together for funds for a support system that will make available information for what each business may be searching for.

Les Moose, Fireboard Chairman, reported 26 runs: 15 medical and 11 fire. In the future 911 will contact the fire station for fire permits. Bob Shannon and Larry Siegel will do excavation work for the fire department. He thanked the newsletter or the write-up on the fire department and would like an article to appear in three or four more editions.

Bill Piippo excused absence.

Dave Gier reported they are trying to get the deed transferred over since the loan is paid off. As yet, the legal papers are not found. There are three parcels: two in the Counties name and the pump station registered in the Pittsford Sanitary Sewer System name. B. Densmore said the papers should be in Attorney Parker's office and offered to do some research.

The newsletter was published in June, 2005.

D. Penney stated she is working on the billing medicare for the medical runs. She also stated C. Deal brought in the first contract for the fire department and there is a notebook on the fire department in the clerk's office if anyone wishes to look at it.

Recess of ten minutes taken.

Pending Business:

The opening of the assessor bids:

Julie Tucker- \$10.00 per parcel.

Terrie Ellis- \$7.00 per parcel – would be in the office from 8:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. each Friday. Information of three paragraphs on back if anyone wishes to read them. Cell phone number is 517-392-8965.

L. Schrom moved to accept the bid of Terrie Ellis and was supported by J. Lockwood
Roll call vote: Wismar, yes; Lockwood, yes; Schrom, yes; B. Keiser, yes; and S. Keiser, yes. Motion carried unanimously.

L. Schrom moved to authorize payment of J. Tucker's last check. S. Wismar seconded the motion. Motion carried to pay retro actively as of July 1, 2005.

There will be an additional cost of \$2,400.00 for six inches more blacktop for the M-99 approach to the transfer driveway. Waiting for MDOTs permit. The drive-way should be done by the end of July 2005.

B. Keiser made the motion to add the cost to the M-99 approach. J. Lockwood seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Wismar, yes; Lockwood, yes; Schrom, yes; B. Keiser, yes; and S. Keiser, yes. The motion carried.

J. Lockwood moved to approve Dave Gier's contract for the sewer manager. Supported by L. Schrom. Roll call vote. Wismar, yes; Lockwood, yes; Schrom, yes; B. Keiser, yes; and S. Keiser, yes. Motion carried.

No action taken on the HCRC road sign proposal at Cole Drive.

J. Lockwood made motion to accept the tax levy. S. Schrom seconded motion. Roll call vote: All board members voted yes. Carried.

Public comment. None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 P.M.