

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

The minutes of the regular township board meeting held June 14, 2005, at the Jefferson Township Hall, Osseo, Michigan Approved _____
Approved as corrected _____

The regular meeting of the Jefferson Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor, Steve Wismar, at 7:30 P.M., June 14, 2005.

The Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of the township board members:

Present: Wismar, Lockwood, Schrom, B. Keiser, & S. Keiser
Absent: None

J. Lockwood moved to pull the General Bills from the consent of the agenda. Supported by L. Schrom. Carried. After discussing two checks and holding check # 4940 and check # 4957 the General Fund bills were approved.

Visiting speakers:

George Gier stated that the brining and chloride work was completed for Jefferson Township. Some culverts have been replaced. The Way Road Bridge repairs have been scheduled for work to be done in 2008-2009. Cole Drive was mentioned as being dangerous. G. Gier did not think any work would be done this year on that situation.

Brad Densmore reported that the commissioners would like to do as much as possible for the people who elected them. The budget is a number one concern and they decided to start planning in July which is early. The revenues are down. Some thought was given for ½ millage a year for our townships residents. The elevator installation and building renovations of the court house is being considered. Commissioners approved the contract for 911.

Announcements & Correspondence:

Transfer station bids for paving driveway were opened.

1. Gershin Paving of Napoleon, Ohio.
Total \$41,464.50
Less deduct A \$32,569.90
2. Belson Asphalt of Reading, Michigan
Total \$33,482.00
Less deduct A \$7,000.00= \$26,482.00
3. Quality Asphalt of Homer, Michigan
Total \$33,330.00
Less deduct A \$24,370.00

MTA June workshops were brought to everyones attention.

written in the contract. The assessor should spend a minimum time of 3 or 4 hours a week at the township hall and a certain day each week to be available for the townships residents. Residents should be able to look up parcels on the computer. Copy of all information should be available at all times. J. Lockwood moved that we ask the State for a local unit review of the tax records. L. Schrom supported the motion. Roll call Vote: Wismar, no; Lockwood, yes; Schrom, yes; B. Keiser, no; S. Keiser, yes. The motion carried. If Julie Tucker, assessor, is not retained, Steve accepts the committee's decision. It was decided to have bid sheets made and ask each one to fill in the blanks. Supervisor, Steve Wismar, gave the opportunity to narrow down the bids to 5 for the committee to send out. One comment made about hours being in the evening or until 6:00 P.M. for the week-end residents coming in from away places.

J. Lockwood is to notify all contractors for the transfer station bids.

Ken Cross had permission to set up assessor's computer anytime.

Steve Wismar cancelled the blight ordinance conference attendance because of eye surgery he had done.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 P.M.

The air conditioner was replaced as the old one was damaged and the Jefferson Town Hall was rented for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of last week.

Everyone is invited to attend the Economic Development Plan unveiling on June 30, 2005 at 6:30 P.M. at the Davis Middle School Auditorium, 30 N. West St., Hillsdale, MI. 49242.

Steve Wismar, Supervisor, wrote a letter to HCRC regarding MDOT critical bridge replacement fund. The deadline being June 14, 2005. This was in regards to the Way Road Bridge.

A letter was received from Beth Caswell, Adams Township Clerk, regarding the transfer station use. Their residents felt the \$5,000.00 yearly fee was too high. No word from Cambria Township as of this date.

Letter of thanks was written to Kayla Baldwin regarding the Bear Lake Road clean up for which she was the instigator.

DEQ, St. Joseph River and Biological Report ratings were good.

No public Comments.

Officer & Committee reports;

Two blight complaints were reported.

Progress being made on one of them.

Second one not done yet.

A complaint on a blight report that at one time was cleaned up. Need to be cleaned up again.

A mobile home that a tree fell on is Completed. A truck sits on K Drive loaded but nothing has been done. Some residents are concerned of the danger, if children should play there, around on old house frame.

Old voting machines to be removed by Hallis Gray.

Ways of disposing of the clerk's old computer was discussed: perhaps using it at the transfer station or putting it up for bids.

The tax deferral forms area ready for residents wishing to delay their summer taxes to February 28, 2006.

Received Franchise Fee from Comcast of \$6,664.00.

The consideration of changing transfer station haulers was discussed.

Les Moose, Fireboard Chairman, reported 2 fire runs, 15 medical runs, 4 accident runs. The firefighters are starting another training session. Two dismisses. Hired a new fire fighter, Robert Kuhn. The next meeting for the fire department will be July 7, 2005, at

6:00 P.M. The by-laws are making progress and everyone should receive a copy soon. B. Keiser praised the fire department's work at an auction when lightening had caused an electric wire to come down.

The cemetery is looking good. B. Piippo is working on getting everything on to the computer.

Ron Hyslop of the transfer station reported changing recycling to a different shipper. The station is waiting to see the outcome.

Dave Gier, Sanitary Sewer, reported buying 15 new pumps. Everything is going well. Gier reported that the manhole cover on M-34 weighs 700 pounds.

The newsletter is going out next week.

The Pittsford Library is putting flyers in the tax bills being mailed regarding door hangers.

Recess of 15 minutes was taken.

Pending business:

Lengthy discussion regarding the \$7,500.00 for Jefferson's share of the truck fund. It was agreed for the supervisor, Steve Wismar, to approach LeeAnn Zimmerman, Pittsford Township Supervisor, and verbally discuss this situation.

The transfer station driveway bid decision: need to finish application and see what MDOT is going to do. It may be \$2500.00 more in cost.

L. Schrom made motion to accept the bid of Quality Asphalt. J. Lockwood seconded motion. Roll call vote: Wismar, yes; Lockwood, yes; Schrom, yes; B. Keiser, yes; S. Keiser, no. Motion carried. Steve Wismar will mail letter to Quality Asphalt.

The HCRC Bear Lake Road (between Doty & Hillsdale Rd) joint with Cambria. L. Schrom moved to sign up for the above road work to be done. B. Keiser supported the motion. Roll call Vote: Wismar, yes; Lockwood, yes; Schrom, yes; B. Keiser, yes; S. Keiser, yes. The motion carried.

The proposed use of the transfer station by Cambria and Adams Townships will be taken up again.

Adopt-A-Road as a township policy is to be thought about. If the township decides to adopt a road, no fees are to be charged at the transfer station for trash picked up and brought in to the station.

A new assessor contract was presented to each board member. 16 applications were received for the assessor's position. Computer, internet access, and printer should be