

August 8, 2019 **CURTIS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING (Curtisville Civic Center – 6:30 pm)**

Supervisor Griffith called meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Pledge of Allegiance was given

ROLL CALL: Present – Gary Griffith-Supervisor, Teresa Perkins-Clerk, Kathy Bonner-Treasurer & Paul Grabstanowicz-Trustee Public Attendance – 22

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – with addition of Vaughn Lake SAD update, **MOTION:** Grabstanowicz/Bonner to adopt the agenda – Ayes 4 – Nays 0 Motion Carried. Larry Lane updated the board – stating that the harvesting will begin next week. Larry also has an updated resolution from our attorney updating the wording of the SAD so that the people impacted will only have to pay for 1 parcel instead of 2 or 3 etc.

MOTION: Grabstanowicz/Bonner to accept the updated resolution. **ROLL CALL:** Grabstanowicz, Bonner, Perkins & Griffith – 4 Ayes Motion Carried

ADDRESSING VACANT TRUSTEE POSITION: Supervisor Griffith read the following: Clerk Perkins was given incorrect information regarding the vacancy when James Czarski resigned during the September 2018 board meeting. The board only had 45 days to appoint a replacement or they would have to hold a special election. Clerk Perkins was informed that if the board ran an ad and interviewed persons that the time limitations did not apply. This was incorrect. The mistake was inadvertently discovered while researching other township issues. As soon as this was discovered, Clerk Perkins contacted the Michigan Bureau of Elections to have them counsel her as to how to handle it. The board will have to hold a “Special Election: November 5, 2019 to remedy the situation. Since the appointment of Alan Fischer was incorrect – he was never a trustee. His appointment is null and void per the Michigan Bureau of Elections.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Grabstanowicz/Bonner to accept the minutes of July 11, 2019 meeting- Ayes 4 - Nays 0 Motion Carried.

Treasurer Kathy Bonner presented Treasurers Report to the board. Trustee Grabstanowicz will be reviewing the past 2 months of cashed checks per the State of Michigan requirements.

	ACCOUNTS Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance
	06/30/19			07/31/19
General Fund	\$179,426.61	\$17,721.59	\$28,391.13	\$168,757.07
Trust/Agency	\$6,935.15	\$10,287.79	\$14,408.21	\$2,814.73
Library	\$34,539.31	\$949.48	\$3,074.55	\$32,414.24
Alcona Park	\$673,561.98	\$72,725.50	\$94,228.46	\$652,059.02
		PREPAID SEASONAL \$000.00		
Tax Collection	\$21,460.50	\$253,022.91	\$0.00	\$274,483.41
Glennie Imp Comm.	\$26,278.82	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$26,278.82
Roads Voted	\$126,719.76	\$21.55	\$27,065.96	\$99,675.35
Fire Truck Millage	\$11,697.88	\$2.92	\$0.00	\$11,700.80

Supervisor Griffith accepted the Treasurer’s Report (s) subject to audit.

MOTION: Grabstanowicz/Perkins to pay bills in the amount of \$15,877.98 (Vouchers 12456 through 12496).

ROLL CALL: Bonner, Grabstanowicz, Perkins & Griffith/Ayes 4/Nays 0/Motion Carried

FIRE REPORT: 3 runs – working on getting firefighter 1 training.

ZONING ADMIN: 3 zoning permits issued.

ORD. ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: A ticket will be issued this week; an old issue will be addressed again this week. Matt Perkins inquired as to why it has taken so long to correct his previous complaint. OEO Grabstanowicz stated that he was trying to work with the people, however that did not work out and he will be issuing a ticket this week to them.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE REPORT: Kevin Perry stated that the ground penetrating radar quote from Omega Mapping was \$25,000 to survey both cemeteries, even though the committee would like to have it done, they don’t think that the township board would approve the expense, so at this time they will continue with their work and make do with what they have to work with.

ROAD COMMITTEE REPORT: As of today, Clouse/Rickel road is complete and Bissonnette Rd is being worked on.

PLANNING COMMISSION: 1) The commission had 2 public hearings last month with both items being approved. A special land use permit was approved.

GLENNIE IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Mac McCormick stated that he finally has a drawing and has sent it to MDOT and is now waiting to hear back as to when they could meet and have a walk through on M65 to finish the streetlamp project – perhaps 3-4 weeks out.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: 1) Clerk Perkins has ran the ad for OEO and ZA – with one (1) application having been submitted for OEO to Supervisor Griffith – Acting OEO Grabstanowicz will contact the person and meet with him. 2) DEQ inquiry is in progress and is looking favorable for the township.

NEW BUSINESS: 1) Supervisor Griffith has been looking at property for sale right next to and behind the old township hall and has contacted contractors to give a rough estimate as to what it would cost to have a pole barn building placed on the property. This is very low-key planning – just getting our feet wet so to be speak, Supervisor Griffith stated.

2) Clerk Perkins would like to once again prebuy propane for the year for the twp. office and fire departments = the rate is at \$1.299 **MOTION:** Grabstanowicz/Bonner to prebuy propane not to exceed \$4300. Roll Call: Grabstanowicz, Perkins, Bonner & Griffith – Ayes 4/Nays 0 Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: N/A

PERSON’S WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: 1) John Maus asked if anyone approached Christopher Clouse regarding the acquisition of the school, Supervisor Griffith stated that quite a while ago he had asked Christopher about it and Christopher’s response was “that it was high likely that it would never happen”, John asked Gary “who said that” and Supervisor Griffith responded with “Christopher”, Supervisor Griffith stated that it had been a while back since he asked. John stated that himself and Christopher’s mother have been after him that it might be a good thing to do, with the ball diamond and fireworks, that they investigate that. Supervisor Griffith stated that he did ask him about that and if Christopher had another potential use for it that “we” wouldn’t be able to do the 4th of July festivities after the parade there. That’s all part of seeking rough bids for a new township hall building. There is some other property available for the township to purchase and then “we-the township board” would be self-dependent on having enough property to do all that. John stated that it might be a good idea to contact Christopher – John stated that he had talked with Christopher on the way out to the meeting and Christopher said that people should approach him, Supervisor Griffith said that he had asked Christopher perhaps right after he was elected or before it was that long ago-they had just briefly talked about it, but at that point in time he (Christopher) said that it “Probably wouldn’t happen.” John stated that the reason he asked is that it’s nice to have a place to have meetings, parties, etc. Supervisor Griffith stated that he didn’t argue that, but it certainly hasn’t been brought to his attention that there was any interest in even doing that. And 2 – 1000-gallon pigs (propane tanks) sitting there makes him shudder. Its food for thought for sure but so is getting prices together to look at building our own. There will be questions asked to answer your question. John Maus would like the board to look into a “special announcement page for the website” as the township is totally lacking any type of communication. Change in agenda, meeting time etc. John also brought up the subject of meeting minutes and the time frame as to when they have to be posted. Clerk Perkins advised that with our township taxable value we do not legally have to publish the minutes. They are available at the township office for review. 2) Deb Scott inquired about recycling program. 3) Discussion regarding placing announcements at the Civic Center. Lee Swiney stated that he would be happy to post for the board as long as anything posted was in a water proof package.

MOTION: Grabstanowicz/Bonner motioned to adjourn the Curtis Township Meeting at 7:01p.m.
Ayes 4/Nays 0/Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted, Teresa J Perkins, Curtis Township Clerk

Minutes subject to Board Approval at the next Township Board Meeting.