

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor VanVolkinburg. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Treasurer Kamyszek. Roll Call: Staley absent with notice.

Kamyszek made a motion to approve the minutes from January 5, 2015, with support from Trustee Stein. All yes, motion carried.

Kamyszek made a motion to approve tonight's agenda with changes discussed with support from Stein. All yes, motion carried.

Audience Members – None.

County Commissioner Report – Don Black – presented his report which included discussion of a jail tour, plat books are now available, and Jackie Porter is the New Deputy County Clerk replacing Joan Nagel following retirement.

Planning Commission Report –VanVolkinburg reported that Fryling and DeVries will continue on the Planning Commission. Staley absent- no regular report.

Sheriff/Deputy Reports: December report had 68 incidents, we have not yet received the January report.

Old Business - Water/Sewer Update: VanVolkinburg reported that Prein & Newhof will be working with him and Bob Goodheart, Pathfinder on an application for funding with the USDA. Discussed the cost of Prein & Newhof attending the December meeting. VanVolkinburg will attend a conference 2/3/2015 that may help locate other funding. Also, discussed the Tribe getting in contact with the MEDC for funding should they decide to take up the project.

High Speed Internet – McInerney & Kamyszek are continuing to put names into a spreadsheet. Stein discussed that he attended the 1/13/2015 meeting in Salem Township, had spoken to Ryan from Vergennes Broadband and also with Freedom Net. He will continue communication with these folks and has requested a quote from Vergennes. Stein has also talked to the USDA and others, and continues to try and make contact with individuals.

New Business - LED Lights/lighting quote from LITES PLUS. Lighting for Hall/Offices and Cemetery. Motion to approve work by VanVolkinburg with support from Kamyszek. Roll call: all yes, motion passed.

Approval and Review of bills – Discussed bills. Motion made by Kamyszek to approve the bills with support from Stein. Roll call vote, all yes, motion carried.

Resolution 03-2015 – 4th quarter Fiscal Year '14-15 – Month ending 1/31/2015- Motion to approve Resolution 03-2015 was made by Kamyszek with support from Stein. Roll call vote, all yes, motion carried.

Budget 2015-2016 Review- 1) Cemetery Volunteer Options 2) Assessor wage increase request letter 3) 3% COLA – across the board. Discussed budget options by line item. VanVolkinburg made a motion to pass a 3% COLA across the board for all township employees; support provided by McInerney. Roll call vote – all yes, motion passed. McInerney & Kamyszek will obtain additional information. McInerney will post notices, put together information and provide update to board. The Budget Hearing will take place on March 2, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.

Communication – McInerney shared that a “concerned citizen” called (no name or return # given) reporting the Township Truck was parked in a private drive on Sunday, February 1, at midnight. Cemetery Supervisor advises McInerney (Cemetery Sexton) when he takes the plow truck home, if concerned about weather and the ability to get into town to plow the following day. Extreme winter storm conditions- schools were closed 2/2/2015. Additionally, there was a funeral scheduled at Elmwood on 2/2/2015. Discussed and will continue to follow current procedure.

Board Comments – McInerney reported that the MTA conference on 1/29 was good. Software/Social Media sessions were attended in addition to a session discussing the new FOIA laws that go into effect 7/1/2015.

McInerney reported that Vezetti was on the 3rd (of 3) Cemetery books entering data into the Pontem software. McInerney is proof reading the first book. Mapping is the next step in the Pontem process and the cost is \$1080. Kamyszek made a motion to approve the purchase of Pontem mapping to our software/database. Stein provided support. Roll call vote – all yes, motion carried.

Stein discussed the Internet need of the township and the meeting he had attended (see above). He will continue to pursue with discussions with Vergennes, Freedom net, etc.

McInerney made a motion to adjourn with support from Kamyszek, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Ann McInerney
Township Clerk