

**Henrietta Township  
11120 Musbach Road  
Munith, MI 49259  
517-596-3374**

Regular Meeting  
October 13, 2010

A work session was held prior to the beginning of the Regular Meeting for the purpose of reviewing invoices and communications.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Henrietta Township Meeting Room, 11120 Musbach Road, Munith, MI 49259. Members present: A. Faist, S. Dodge, S. Keene and A. Grimes. Member absent: L. Bamm.

S. Keene explained that she would chair the meeting in the absence of L. Bamm, and presented the agenda for review. She noted that scheduling a meeting for the quarterly budget review is added under New Business. Moved by A. Faist, supported by A. Grimes to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 8, 2010 as presented. Motion carried.

**SPECIAL ORDER**

County Commissioner D. Lutchka gave an update on events occurring at the county level including the county and city joining forces to employ a Human Resources Director. He also discussed the county land preservation committee and noted that both N. Hawley and A. Grimes were on the committee.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

D. Iverson, Munith Lions Club, spoke regarding the early warning siren installed at the fire station. The current equipment needs maintenance and the Lions Club would like the township to consider covering some of the costs for that maintenance, and for future upgrades. They are asking the township for \$450.00 per year. He also noted that the current equipment is not functioning correctly at this time. The expected costs for repair is \$2000 to \$3000, and the Lions Club will cover this expense. S. Keene responded that the township board would consider the request at the quarterly budget review meeting. D. Iverson also invited the community to the Halloween Parade on October 30<sup>th</sup> in Munith.

A. Hager commented on the traffic speed on Main Street in Munith. He is concerned that if the sidewalks are removed, we are forcing residents into the street. He stated that the speed limit on Main Street is not being enforced. A. Grimes replied that he had discussed the speed of traffic on Main Street with the Jackson County Road Commission Safety Coordinator and was informed that the speed limit on Main Street should not be 25 mph because Munith does not meet their definition of a village or city. The road commission is concerned that if they request a study, the speed limit will be increased. A. Hager also questioned the streetlight assessment. S. Keene replied that Munith residents had been receiving the benefit of the streetlights but had not been added to the

assessment district. A recent audit of streetlights indicates there are many residents who need to be added to the assessment district.

R. Riba commented on the sidewalks in Munith. He suggested that the bad sections be repaired, and the remaining sidewalks left alone. S. Keene noted that there had been two public meetings regarding the sidewalks, and that if the sidewalks are kept, an ordinance would be adopted requiring the residents be responsible for repair and maintenance of the sidewalks.

J. Maxwell spoke regarding a land issue he has with his neighbors with an easement adjacent to his property. He has spent \$6000 in attorney and court fees, and the neighbors do not respect the judges' decision. J. Maxwell questioned whether the original land division was done correctly and why he should have to use his own money to fight this. He is questioning why the township is not defending him. S. Keene explained that this is a civil matter between neighbors and the township cannot defend one side or the other. J. Maxwell requested that the township provide proof that the land division was done accurately. S. Keene suggested that J. Maxwell meet with V. Bradley and the land division committee.

### **TREASURERS REPORT – S. DODGE**

The Treasurers Report was not available; S. Dodge provided totals for each account.

General Fund Balance 9-30-2010	\$ 196,023.33
Stabilization Fund Balance 9-30-2010	\$ 100,142.60
Delinquent Tax Account Balance 9-30-2010	\$ -0-
Public Improvement Fund Balance 9-30-2010	\$ 269,607.19
Vehicle Replacement Fund Balance 9-30-2010	\$ 98,495.36

### **BUILDING DEPARTMENT – R. TRIPP**

Building Fees Collected	\$ 1,020.00
Electrical Fees Collected	\$ 195.00
Plumbing Fees Collected	\$ 195.00
Mechanical Fees Collected	\$ 585.00
Site Plan Review Fees Collected	\$ 160.00
Address Fees Collected	\$ -0-
Total Fees Collected	\$ 2,155.00
Cost of Construction	\$ 47,400

Permits included 6 building permits for 3 frame garages, 1 pole barn, 1 mobile home in park, 1 demo, 2 electrical permits, 2 plumbing permits, 9 mechanical permits, and 4 site plan reviews.

### **ASSESSOR – VICKIE BRADLEY**

Report not available.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT – R. WETMORE**

R. Wetmore reported the fire department responded to 28 calls including 26 medical calls, 1 grass fire and 1 structure fire mutual aid to Leoni Township.

**ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT/ZONING – J. SOUTHWORTH**

J. Southworth was not present; report was given as written. J. Southworth reported there were no site plan reviews, 4 ordinance complaints, no written warnings, 6 requests for information, and 210 miles driven for a total of 23 hours.

**TRANSFER STATION – A. GRIMES**

Monthly Reported Income:	\$ 3,810.00
Northwest Refuse Trucking:	\$ 788.00
Jackson County Incinerator:	\$ 1,591.63
Salary for Month:	\$ 1,140.00
Total Expenses:	\$ 3,841.44
Total Recycled for September:	3.36 tons or 6,720 pounds
Total Recycled for 2010:	56.57 tons or 113,140 pounds

**PLANNING COMMISSION – A. FAIST**

N. Hawley reported the planning commission is finalizing details for the sidewalk and pathway ordinance and the flood management plan. They are also working with the recreation committee to finish up a section of the Pleasant Lake pathway and thank the Jackson County Road Commission for their assistance in removing two trees and grinding the stumps.

**NEW BUSINESS**

S. Keene presented the list of election workers for the General Election held on November 2, 2010 for approval. Moved by A. Grimes, supported by S. Dodge to approve the election workers for the General Election held on November 2, 2010 as presented. Motion carried.

S. Keene presented a Resolution to Participate in the FEMA National Flood Insurance program for review and approval. Moved by A. Grimes, supported by S. Dodge to approve the Resolution to Participate in the FEMA National Flood Insurance program. Roll call vote: A. Faist, yes; S. Dodge, yes; S. Keene, yes, A. Grimes, yes. Motion carried.

S. Keene presented a request from Jackson County to participate in the new GIS mapping program at a cost of \$1,800 for review. She requested that this issue be tabled until the quarterly budget review meeting.

S. Keene reported that L. Bamm had to purchase a new computer for his house and noted that he does much of his township business on his home computer. She requested that the township reimburse L. Bamm for the cost of the computer. Discussion included where in the budget this would be paid for. S. Keene noted that there was \$500 under the township board miscellaneous

expenses. Moved by A. Faist, supported by A. Grimes to reimburse L. Bamm a total of \$600 for the cost of the new computer and printer. Motion carried.

S. Keene presented the quarterly budget review meeting for discussion. The meeting will be held on October 26, 2010 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

S. Keene presented the proposals for snow removal for discussion. There were three proposals to consider. Moved by A. Faist, supported by A. Grimes to award the snow removal contract to Preservation Tree Service for the 2010-2011 season. Motion carried.

S. Keene presented the Wind Energy Ordinance for adoption and noted that the planning commission had finalized the ordinance several months ago, and the county had approved the ordinance. Moved by S. Dodge, supported by A. Faist to adopt the Wind Energy Ordinance as Section 2300 of the Zoning Ordinance. Roll Call Vote: A. Grimes, yes; S. Keene, yes; S. Dodge, yes; A. Faist, yes.

S. Keene presented a request for support of economic development from Jackson County for review. Moved by A. Faist, supported by A. Grimes to sign a Resolution Supporting Economic Development in Jackson County. Motion carried.

S. Keene requested an update from B. Rubel on the Pleasant Lake Sewer Study. B. Rubel reported there had been a meeting with the county drain commissioner, the attorneys and others involved with the proposed sewer system. He noted that G. Snyder is convinced that the cost of going to the City of Jackson is the same as building our own system. S. Keene noted the township is meeting with the U.S. Rural Development regarding financing the project. A. Grimes stated that the township board needed to look at everything presented on the sewer project and choose what would be best for our township residents. Further discussion included the USDA 40-year loan and the State of Michigan 20-year loan, whether we qualify for the USDA loan, the differences between the Public Acts used to build a sewer system, and having control over our own system, but having no control over a system managed by the city.

S. Keene presented the Munith sidewalks for discussion. It was noted that no decision had been made on whether to remove all of the sidewalks and that a Special Meeting would be scheduled to review bids received for the removal of sidewalks. The planning commission will also require a Special Hearing for adoption of the sidewalk ordinance.

## **OTHER REPORTS**

S. Keene thanked Mr. & Mrs. Rankin for repairing the fence at the historical marker for the Batteese Trading Post on Bunkerhill Road.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

D. Lutchka commented on the speed limits in Munith, and noted that the speed limit was raised in Chelsea near the fair grounds to deter pedestrians in the road. He also stated that the county is in negotiation with the state to purchase steam from the incinerator.

D. Styles questioned whether the township had rescheduled public meetings for the sewer project. S. Keene replied that the meetings had not been rescheduled.

Moved by A. Grimes, supported by A. Faist to pay the bills as submitted and reviewed. Motion carried.

Moved by A.Faist, supported by A. Grimes to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

S. Keene, Henrietta Township Clerk