

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

Regular Meeting  
April 13, 2011

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 7:32 p.m. in the Henrietta Township Meeting Room, 11120 Musbach Road, Munith, MI 49259. All members present.

L. Bamm presented the agenda for review.

Moved by A. Faist, supported by A. Grimes to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 9, 2011 and Special Meeting held on March 30, 2011. Motion carried.

**SPECIAL ORDER**

L. Bamm noted that D. Ferguson was preparing food baskets for Easter to donate to those residents enrolled in the commodities program. She would accept any financial donations to help cover costs she incurs.

Dustin Krasny, Field Representative for Congressman Tim Walberg spoke regarding legislation in Washington. He noted that Congressman Walberg was working on legislation to stop implementation of the FEMA Flood Insurance Plan until the maps can be verified for accuracy. When questioned on how Congressman Walberg feels regarding Governor Snyder's consolidation plans, he noted that Congressman Walberg feels there should be less federal government, but was unsure how he feels about local consolidation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

J. Mast questioned the township board regarding consolidation of townships. L. Bamm replied that the state is asking for consolidation and sharing of services by the townships and noted there was information on Governor Snyder's web page.

J. Duszynski questioned the special meeting held on March 30<sup>th</sup> and asked what kinds of services they are asking the townships to share and consolidate. L. Bamm replied that revenue sharing is being targeted, and statutory revenue sharing will be awarded to those townships that share and consolidate services. It was noted that our township has not been receiving statutory revenue sharing.

## **TREASURERS REPORT – S. DODGE**

General Fund Balance 03-01-2011	\$ 260,918.83
Income	N/A
Disbursements	N/A
General Fund Balance 03-31-2011	\$ N/A
Stabilization Fund 03-31-11	\$ 100,172.64
Delinquent Tax Account 03-31-11	\$ -0-
Public Improvement Fund 03-31-11	\$ 275,273.65
Vehicle Replacement Fund 03-31-11	\$ 98,535.59
Total Interest Earned 03-31-11	\$ 15.91

S. Dodge reported that the total taxes collected from February 15th to 28th are \$93,878.06. The total taxes collected from July 1st to February 28th are \$3,516,944.80. She noted we have not received our settlement check from Jackson County.

## **BUILDING DEPARTMENT – R. TRIPP**

R. Tripp reported that in February and March 2011 the following fees were collected and permits issued:

Building permit fees	\$ 1,148.00
Electrical permit fees	\$ 775.00
Plumbing permit fees	\$ 260.00
Mechanical permit fees	\$ 520.00
Site Plan Reviews	\$ 120.00
Total fees collected	\$ 2,823.00
Cost of construction	\$ 173,550.00

Permits include 1 new house, 1 remodel of existing house, 1 pole barn, and 1 rebuild of existing barn, 7 electrical permits, 4 mechanical permits, 3 plumbing permits and 3 site plan reviews.

## **SPECIAL ORDER**

Dave Lutchka gave an update on activities at the county.

## **ASSESSOR – VICKIE BRADLEY**

V. Bradley reported that the March Board of Review was held on March 14, 2011 and March 16, 2011. Petitions have been entered in the computer and sent to the Equalization Department. The final totals for the Ad Valorem Roll are Assessed Value of \$150,567,507 and Taxable Value of \$125,159,286. This results in a loss of taxable value at \$9,413,852. If the millage rate for the township stays the same as 2010 this will result in a loss of approximately \$7,201

in tax collections. V. Bradley reminded residents that PRE exemptions must be on file by May 1, 2011.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT – R. WETMORE**

L. Bamm reported the fire department responded to 16 calls in March, and 69 calls year to date. He noted the response program is working well.

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

J. Southworth reported there were 2 site plan reviews, 10 ordinance complaints, 4 written warnings, no civil infractions issued, 7 requests for information, and 220 miles driven for a total of 36 hours.

**TRANSFER STATION – A. GRIMES**

Monthly Reported Income:	\$ 3,182.95
Northwest Refuse Trucking:	\$ 278.00
Jackson County Incinerator:	\$ 1,128.98
Salary for Month:	\$ 1,022.50
Total Expenses:	\$ 3,192.86
Total Recycled for March:	5.96 tons or 11,920 pounds
Total Recycled for 2011:	17.04 tons or 34,080 pounds

**PLANNING COMMISSION – A. FAIST**

N. Hawley noted the planning commission is working on updates to the Master Plan. The recreation committee has completed the first section of the Pleasant Lake Pathway.

**NEW BUSINESS**

L. Bamm requested a date be set for the counting of petitions for the sewer district. The petitions will be counted at a public meeting on May 11, 2011 beginning at 4:30 p.m.

L. Bamm requested a date be set for the quarterly budget review. The budget review will be held on May 18, 2011 beginning at 4:30 p.m.

S. Keene presented the election workers for the election held on May 3, 2011 for approval. Moved by S. Dodge, supported by L. Bamm to approve the election workers for the May 3, 2011 election as presented. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

L. Bamm reported that the township received two bids for lawn mowing at the fire department and transfer station. Bids were received from Cambri Lawn and Landscaping and Pathway Landscape. Moved by A. Faist, supported by A.

Grimes to enter into a contract with Cambri Lawn and Landscaping for the 2011 mowing season. Motion carried.

## **OTHER REPORTS**

L. Bamm reported he would be meeting with CMS Energy regarding the streetlights in Henrietta Township, and would meet next Wednesday with MDOT to review their possible involvement in walkways.

S. Keene noted that the township needed to follow up with the Special Streetlight Assessment program.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

B. Ellithorpe spoke regarding the cost of the assessment for streetlights. L. Bamm explained that costs for streetlights have been rising, but this cost has not been passed along to those properties that receive benefit from the streetlights.

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

Moved by A. Grimes, supported by S. Dodge to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

S. Keene, Henrietta Township Clerk