

**August 20, 2012
Regular Meeting 6:00 P.M.**

Opening Prayer offered by: Supervisor McCormick

Pledge of Allegiance led by: Supervisor McCormick

Call Meeting to Order by: Supervisor McCormick

Roll Call: Arnold (p) Feger (p) Hiller (p) Christianson (p) McCormick (p) Shallenberger (p) Shaw (a) Risinger (p)

GUESTS: Brian Manuel, Mark & Nicole Reese, John Redlingshafer

PUBLIC PARTICIPATIONS & COMMENTS:

Brian Manual discussed the ongoing problem of cars running off the road and into the ditch near his home sometimes causing damage to the ditch and mailbox/s. He wonders if there is more that can be done to mediate this problem such as reflectors etc. Road Commissioner Risinger says there is already signage with recommended reduced speeds coming into that curve and in the past has talked to the County about the possible need for reflectors etc. Currently, the signage meets road safety requirements.

Approve Minutes of Public Hearing & Regular Meeting held July 16, 2012

Motion by: Arnold

Second by: Shallenberger

Discussion: None **Voice Votes...** all trustees voted aye...**motion carried.**

Correspondence:

1. Note from Debbie Anderson :

Debbie sent a note to the Township thanking them for honoring her mother with the annual * Barb Hart Scholarship * saying that it brought tears to her eyes and that she plans to share the information with her siblings next time they visit. She feels they will also be warmed by the honor. Along with her lovely note she attached a check for \$500.00 towards the fund. The board thanks her for her support.

2. Note of Thanks from the Library:

The Library staff sent a card thanking the Township for its help (making copies etc) for the summer reading program. The "kids and the adults" really enjoyed the extra puzzle sheets which helped make their party a success.

3. State of the Library:

Jeanne Ward submitted a 5 page annual review of the library and goals accomplished this past year. With the new structure in place there is little that needs done cosmetically so this past year has been spent updating the shelves and how the library is run. The internet is being utilized more to keep in touch with patrons and they are now publishing a monthly newsletter. Thanks to the solid support of the community for help with fundraisers, the summer reading program and book donations, the goal of making the library a gathering place for our small community is being accomplished with each passing month . She gave special thanks to one of the volunteers for setting up the new Facebook page.

4. Election Calendar:

Supervisor McCormick reviewed the calendar noting that Nov. 4th is the first important date with November 24th and December 4th also critical in terms of deadlines.

Consolidated Election – April 9, 2013

Approve the Treasurer's report:

Motion by: Arnold

Second by: Feger

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Arnold (y)

Feger (y)

Shallenberger (y)

Shaw (x)

McCormick (y)

Motion Carried:

Old Business:

1. Consider a motion to approve the Road Division ordinance:

This item was tabled at the last meeting pending consultation and review with our legal team. Att'y John Redlingshafer, in attendance today, shared with the board his suggestions. He states that there are three main areas of consideration.

1.) Fine amount. 2.) Reparations for damages. 3.) Enforcement.

1.) Suggested fine of \$250.00 - \$300.00 as a reasonable amount taking into consideration any legal fees that may be incurred should there be a need for legal consultation.

2.) Sections 2 & 3 of the ordinance would allow for property damage recovery.

3.) Consultation with the county on a case by case basis as to prosecution of offenders should the need arise. The State's Attorney's office would determine the level of criminal offense based on factors such as 1st offense vs. habitual offenders, degree of damage etc.

Mr. Risinger commented that a fine of \$300.00 would likely be sufficient to discourage residents from offending, or at least offending more than once. Mr. Arnold agrees with the \$300.00 amount and Mr. Feger would add a stipulation of \$300.00 plus Damages.

Motion by: Feger

Second by: Arnold

Discussion: No further discussion

Roll Call:

Arnold (y)

Feger (y)

Shallenberger (y)

Shaw (x)

McCormick (y)

Motion Carried:

New Business:

1. Discuss the possible purchase of Netbooks for the board meetings:

Mr. Reese demonstrated the Netbook and how it could be used to simplify the meeting process. Trustees could follow along with the meeting agenda and corresponding packet

information (sent out prior to each meeting) without having to refer to paper copies or on their cell phones etc. The overhead could be used when guests are in attendance. Each netbook comes with Windows 7 and have a couple of different options for battery life. Cost per unit is very reasonable, under \$300 depending on the model selected, and upgrades to Windows Microsoft Office 2010 are also cost effective when purchased in multiples.

Supervisor McCormick commented that there is room in this year's budget for the acquisition of netbooks stating that this fits with the goal of upgrading the township's technology. Mr. Shallenberger commented that he feels the cost is reasonable both for netbooks and Office software upgrade.

Motion by: Arnold to purchase 4 Netbooks

Second by: Shallenberger

Discussion: No further discussion.

Roll Call:

Arnold (y)

Feger (y)

Shallenberger (y)

Shaw (x)

McCormick (y)

Motion Carried:

2. Establish steering committee for the St Jude Run in August 2013

Brian Manuel states there will be a meeting at the Township Bldg. on August 29th 2012 to bring people and ideas together to showcase Groveland in conjunction with annual the St. Jude run. He states that Groveland currently does not have an annual carnival or festival and this could be a way to bring the community together. Recent communication with St. Jude confirms an interest in continuing the run down Springfield Rd. as well as an interest in making Groveland an "Official" stop. Ideas discussed by the board included a possible annual festival in conjunction with the run, a car show, bake sale etc. that could raise money from the community for donations to St. Jude. Brian feels more ideas will develop at the meeting on the 29th.

3. Discuss time table for the 2013 Elections

This was covered in the above discussion of the 2013 election calendar.

Road Commissioner's Report: Road Commissioner Risinger.

Mr. Risinger reports that currently they are working to complete a very large project at the end of Cole Hollow where recent rains had caused delays. The R.A. Cullinan tar and chip road improvements are well underway with most of the scheduled roads now complete; Northern Oaks, Queenwood and Country Club are coming up next. Otherwise it is business as usual.

Assessor's Report: Assessor Hiller:

Assessor Hiller reports there are several factors that will affect revenues; Farmland and older properties in Creve Coeur mean lower values overall. Also says that complaints over the years have gone down.

General Assistance report for July 17, 2012 - August 20, 2012
Stephanie Stecken, Case Worker

July/August - Client GA/EA Expenditures: \$00

July/August G.A. Report:

7 Inquires were received this month. 6 of these were deemed not eligible due to not meeting eligibility requirements and were referred to the appropriate agencies. 1 client was sent documents needed for GA.

July/August G. A. Reimbursements: \$00

Paying of Bills:

Motion to pay Town Bills;

Motion by: Arnold

Second by: Feger

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Arnold (y)

Feger (y)

Shallenberger (y)

Shaw (x)

McCormick (y)

Motion Carried:

Motion to pay GA bills;

Motion by: Feger

Second by: Arnold

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Arnold (y)

Feger (y)

Shallenberger (y)

Shaw (x)

McCormick (y)

Motion Carried:

Motion to pay Road and Bridge bills;

Motion by: Shallenberger

Second by: Arnold

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Arnold (y)

Feger (y)

Shallenberger (y)

Shaw (x)

McCormick (y)

Motion Carried:

Motion to pay Special or Permanent Road bills;

Motion by: Arnold

Second by: Feger

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Arnold (y)

Feger (y)

Shallenberger (y)

Shaw (x)

McCormick (y)

Motion Carried:

Trustee Arnold commented that he would like to review the guidelines for the “Barb Hart Scholarship” at the next meeting. There are two drafts causing some confusion as to which one will be used as the “final guidelines”.

Motion by to adjourn by: Shallenberger, Second by Arnold

Voice vote to adjourn: All voting members voting aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela M. Christianson, Town Clerk