

Regular Meeting
October 22, 2012 6:00 P.M.

OPENING PRAYER offered by: Supervisor McCormick

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by: Supervisor McCormick

Call Meeting to order: Supervisor McCormick

ROLL CALL: Arnold (p) Feger (p) Hiller (p) McCormick (p) Shallenberger (p)
Shaw (a) Risinger (p) Christianson (p)

Guests: Wolf & Tesar Auditors: Ali Wilson & Chris Swartz, Stephanie Stecken, Nick Gauwitz.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION & COMMENTS Presentation by Wolf & Tesar

Ali Wilson & Chris Swartz reviewed for the board the Annual Financial Report (**Independent Accountant's Review Report**) for April 1, 2011 – March 31, 2012. They report that everything looks good saying that the goal of the Township is to maintain a fund balance of at least 1-2 years and not go over that 2 year mark. They do caution that the GA is a hard call right now and that Road & Bridge may be in danger of being overfunded. There is also a small change on the financial report as a result of recent budget line item changes for Road & Bridge and Special Road budgets passed at the July meeting. This is in the process of being amended.

Motion to Approve Minutes: Sept 17, 2012 Regular Meeting.

Motion by: Arnold

Second by: Shallenberger

Discussion: None

Voice Votes: All in favor: Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from Ft. Creve Couer: Supervisor McCormick read a short letter from Donna Hanse, Treasurer for Ft. Creve Couer Inc. thanking the Township for its Memorial donation for Vivian Higden.

APPROVE 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. Pioneer Day Updates

A. Carnival May 30, 31 & June 1st 2013

Change of date that was previously set for the end of June 2013.

B. Garage Sale May 3 & 4, 2013

C. St. Jude stopover 1st Saturday in August 2013

2. Scholarship Revisions

A. Open to any college student residing in Groveland Township

B. Fill out application

C. Go through interview process

Discussion:

Mr. Feger is in favor of screening applicants rather than selection based on a drawing. Mr. Arnold expressed a concern for the amount of responsibility that the board would take on in terms of time etc.; especially if there are more applicants next year now that the program is well established, and the community is more aware. If above is amended the board would have the responsibility of appointing a committee and selecting winners of the Scholarships; One Boy and One Girl. Mr. Shallenberger is open to whatever the board decides. There being no clear consensus at this time we will review additional amendments at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Accept Crystal Shaw's resignation:

Her letter is in the packet and has been reviewed by the board. Mr. McCormick asked for a motion to accept her resignation.

Motion by: Shallenberger

Second by: Arnold

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Arnold (y)

Feger (y)

Shallenberger (y)

Shaw (x)

McCormick (y)

Motion Carried.

2. Review 6 month balance and position of the Township

Supervisor McCormick reports the September 30th Investment Report reflects what the Audit Reports shows and that we are in very good shape financially. We are at the 6 month mark for Town Fund, G.A. Fund, Insurance and Special Road with 6 months to go. There is a major purchase for Road & Bridge slated for next year and the final payment for the new Building has now been made.

3. Congratulations Groveland Township!!!!

Supervisor McCormick presented a copy of the final payment for the construction of the new Township Building. After a round of applause he then expressed his deep gratitude and thanks to the board at that time (including Barb Hart and retired members) for initiating the project and taking on the responsibility of borrowing the funds needed. Special thanks were given to Gene Ward and the Library staff for their cooperation and hard work throughout the process. As a result the library is now more visible in the community and is seeing marked increase in use and visits.

Supervisor McCormick also expressed his special appreciation to Stephanie Stecken, and Nick Gauwitz for all of their cooperation; most especially in not insisting on the "status quo". Their acceptance of needed changes allowed the Township to keep running smoothly during the process.

Finally, he expressed his appreciation to the Road Commissioner Dave Risinger and his crew for their involvement and support throughout the entire process. The road crew did a significant amount of the initial site preparation themselves. In addition to that Mr. Risinger was able to enlist the help of Dan Parr who was instrumental in helping with the design and construction phase as well as assisting with screening building contractors. Without the involvement and support of the Road Commissioner and his crew, the cost of building would have added thousands of dollars to the overall cost of the project.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Road Commissioner Risinger

Mr. Risinger reports that they are in the process of cutting back trees and sweeping leaves to prevent plugging of drains and road flooding. Recent rains have accelerated the amount of leaves that are falling and he anticipates there may be more to do in the coming 3 to 4 weeks. They are also finishing up the spray patching of area roads. Otherwise it is business as usual.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Assessor Hiller:

Mr. Hiller reports measuring a number of houses and taking pictures of those properties. At the present time he is waiting on the City of Creve Couer to process damage estimates for the three properties that had fire damage this year. These properties may qualify for tax adjustment depending on the amount of damage.

General Assistant Report Sept. 18, – Oct. 22, 2012 by: Stephanie Stecken, Case Worker.

Sept/Oct CLIENT G.A. /E.A. EXPENDITURES: \$250.00

Sept/Oct G.A. REPORT: There were 8 inquires this past month.

3 clients were found to be not eligible, 1 client sent documents for GA assistance, 2 other clients sent documents for EA assistance, 1 client has an appointment 10/22/1012 and 1 client approved for \$250.00 E.A.

Sept/Oct E.A. REIMBURSEMENTS: \$00

PAYING OF BILLS:

Motion to Pay Town Bills:

Motion by: Arnold

Second by: Shallenberger

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Arnold (y)
Feger (y)
Shallenberger (y)
Shaw (x)
McCormick (y)
Motion Carried:

Motion to pay GA 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 Road & Bridge 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 Special or Permanent Road Bills:

Motion by: Arnold
Second by: Shallenberger
Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Arnold (y)

Feger (y)

Shallenberger (y)

Shaw (x)

McCormick (y)

Motion Carried:

MOTION TO ADJOURN by: Arnold **Second by:** Shallenberger

All in favor: Voice Votes: All in Favor: Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned at: 6:50pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Pam Christianson Town Clerk