

Regular Meeting

JULY 8, 2013

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)
Hranka (p) Risinger (a) Christianson (p)

Guests: Ronnie & Samantha Roberts, Bill Anderson

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION & COMMENTS: Mr. Roberts shared that there people in their neighborhood driving too fast and causing concern for the safety of children at play. He asks if it would be feasible to put up signs or something to alert drivers. Supervisor McCormick states that this is not the Townships call and suggests that they contact Tazewell County Zoning; possibly they could/would come up with a sign. He also suggests calling the Sheriff's Dept. to alert them to the problem possibly they could patrol that area more frequently. We will also let Road Commissioner Risinger know about their concerns.

Motion to Approve Minutes: for June 10, 2013 Regular Meeting.

Motion by: Arnold

Second by: Shallenberger

Discussion:

Voice Votes: All in favor: Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT:

Motion by: Shallenberger

Second by: Arnold

Discussion: Supervisor McCormick comments that we have received the 1st installment of Taxes.

Roll Call:

Arnold (y)

Feger: (y)

Shallenberger (y)

Hranka (y)

McCormick (y)

Motion Carried:

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1.) 4 applications for the Hart Scholarship. Do we want to choose, or do we want to appoint a committee??

Supervisor McCormick informed the board that he has prepared a folder for each trustee containing the applications and essays for each student. He suggests that rather than appointing a committee and waiting another month that each trustee could review the applications overnight and make selection and submit their choices at the "Special Meeting" set for tomorrow evening. The board agrees and will report their choices then.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1.) Approve Recycling Grant.

Motion by: Feger

Second by: Arnold

Discussion: Trustee Hranka questions yearly cost to the Township. Trustee Shallenberger commented that while finically it is a losing proposition, it is being used and the alternative is having that material end up along the roadside or in ditches. Supervisor McCormick comments that this will come up again next year when contract ends and suggests that we can revisit the issue at that time.

Roll Call:

Arnold (y)

Feger (y)

Shallenberger (y)

Hranka (y)

McCormick (y)

Motion Carried:

2.) Report from Auditor Eric Jones: Eric D. Jones & Company, P.C.

Mr. Jones introduced himself to the board and briefly discussed his credentials and experience working with Town/Township finances. He then reviewed his recent activity and findings since his engagement last month. Mr. Jones states that he has spent considerable time in the past couple of weeks reviewing the townships financial statements of governmental activities, each major fund, and related aggregate remaining fund information including the related Notes to the Financial Statements. Collectively this comprises the basic financial statements of Groveland Township as of and for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2013.

Under professional audit standards (AU-C) Section 260) Mr. Jones is required to communicate either verbally or in writing if at any time during the audit, the auditor incurs any difficulties with the audit. During the audit teams performance of required fieldwork pertaining to the opening fund balances, instances of statutory noncompliance were discovered leading to communication with the Townships legal counsel. Response to that communication as well as his full report is contained in the "Required Communications – Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2013" handout provided to each member of the board for review.

Mr. Jones reviewed in great detail the 5 main areas of concern stating that the issue now is to ask the board how they wish him to proceed. He states in his report that "the ultimate goal of the auditee is to receive an unqualified opinion from its auditor. To achieve and unqualified audit report, the Township Board must agree to restate virtually all of its fund balances by recognizing the appropriate inter-fund due to/due from activity. This calculation would require the review by the audit team of the past four years of Supervisor McCormick's tenure. Anything less than restating Groveland Township's fund balances would cause the auditor to issue and adverse report."

Supervisor McCormick states the issues with the permanent road fund came as a particular shock and that it would appear the previous

auditors did not give us much direction. Mr. Jones will return for the “Special Meeting” set for tomorrow July 9, 2013 to continue his presentation and answer any specific questions the board may have. Supervisor McCormick says “we have a lot to think about” but his general opinion is that while it means an additional cost we need to fulfill our responsibility and remedy the financial statements of the past four years and the next.

ROAD COMMISSIONER’S REPORT: Road Commissioner Risinger: No Report

ASSESSOR’S REPORT: Assessor Hiller: Mr. Hiller reports 16 new residential properties have been added so far this year. Says it looks like things are improving in the housing market and anticipates more to come. Supervisor McCormick asks what Mr. Hiller's plans are for moving into the Township office. No specific date is set as of yet but should start within the next month.

General Assistant Report June/July by: Stephanie Stecken, Case Worker.

June/July CLIENT G.A. /E.A. EXPENDITURES: \$00

June/July G.A. REPORT: There were two inquiries this month, neither meeting eligibility requirements.

June/July G.A. REIMBURSEMENTS: \$00

PAYING OF BILLS:

Motion to Pay Town Bills:

Motion by: Shallenberger

Second by: Hranka

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Arnold (y)

Feger (y)

Shallenberger (y)

Hranka (y)

McCormick (y)

Motion Carried:

Motion to pay GA bills:

Motion by: Feger

Second by: Hranka

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Arnold (y)

Feger (y)

Shallenberger (y)

Hranka (y)

McCormick (y)

Motion Carried:

Motion to Pay Road & Bridge bills:

Motion by: Arnold

Second by: Shallenberger

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Arnold (y)

Feger (y)

Shallenberger (y)

Hranka (y)

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)

Hranka (y)

McCormick (y)

Motion Carried:

MOTION TO ADJOURN by: Shallenberger
All in favor: All Ayes' **Motion Carried.**

Second by: Arnold

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:25pm

Respectfully submitted: Pam Christianson Town Clerk