

**Regular Meeting  
May 12, 2014 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 (x) Feger (--) Shallenberger (x) Hranka (x) Hiller (x)  
McCormick (x) Risinger (x) Christianson (x)

**Guests:** Jim Yocum, Brian Manuel, Bill Sidell, Bill Compton, Judy Myers, Marilyn Stevens and  
Thelma Garner.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION & COMMENTS:** Water Board Chairman Bill Compton announced  
upcoming work on the water tower in Whispering Oaks. A notice will be going out to residents  
alerting them of the project and how they can be of help during the process. Starting with  
draining the water tower on 5/27/2014, this work will take between six and nine weeks and  
should be completed by July. During this time residents are being asked to be frugal with their  
water use.

**Motion to Approve Minutes: Public Hearing April 14, 2014**

**Motion by:** Shallenberger      **Second by:** Arnold      **Discussion:** None

**Voice Votes: All in favor: Motion Carried.**

**Motion to Approve Minutes: Regular Meeting April 14, 2014**

**Motion by:** Arnold      **Second by:** Shallenberger      **Discussion:** None

**Voice Votes: All in favor: Motion Carried.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 1.) Newspaper article regarding Tax Caps.
- 2.) Midland Davis container purchase Check.
- 3.) Attorney Davies requests for the Water District.
- 4.) Groveland Water District minutes.

Mr. Compton reviewed with the board the minutes of the most recent Water District meeting on  
5/8/2014 as it relates to requests from the Fire Boards to gather information on the feasibility of  
installing fire hydrants in the township. Mr. Compton states that any informal process stops with  
a "Formal Request", but that it is his preference to operate in a more informal way. As to the  
question of installing fire hydrants for instance he states that "the water company was designed

to provide drinking water to the community and not for firefighting purposes". The township has very few fires and he feels the changes already made should accommodate. Both the Water District and the Fire Districts have budget limitations that would impact costs requiring individual contracts with each Fire Dept. as well as the cost of installation. Estimated costs for installation of one hydrant for the purpose of filling a bladder for fire trucks to pump from by the Whispering Oaks Tower was \$7722.32. Supervisor McCormick suggests the township board hold an open Public Meeting between the Groveland and Central Groveland Fire Trustee's and the Water Board Trustee's to discuss fire protection and water supplies in the fire district areas.

#### **APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT:**

**Motion by:** Arnold

**Second by:** Shallenberger

**Discussion:** None

**Roll Call:**

**Arnold (x)**

**Feger: (--)**

**Shallenberger (x)**

**Hranka (x)**

**McCormick (x)**

**Motion Carried:**

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**1.) Motion to have the Pioneer Committee repay the township the original \$2000.00.**

**Discussion:** Trustee Arnold comments that it was not his intention to have this item on the agenda as a motion but rather to just discuss the outcome of most recent Pioneer Committee Mtg. as it relates to this issue. Brian Manuel commented that this item was not mentioned at the last meeting. Trustee Hranka suggests that the Township board could make a formal request to the committee but given their current fund balance it may come down to a choice between repaying the original \$2000.00 or a contribution to the Barb Hart Scholarship. Supervisor McCormick says if this were put to a vote today he would vote no explaining that proceeds for Pioneer Committee events were intended for charity. He is satisfied to see any monies go to the Barb Hart Scholarship. Brian Manuel invites Trustee Arnold, and in fact all the board members to attend the next meeting.

**2.) Discuss guidelines to govern financially supporting Food Pantries.** Supervisor McCormick says that since Trustee Feger is not present tonight and that this item is under his area, he suggests that we defer this item until a later date.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1.) Resolution: Investment Policy: 2014-6**

**Motion by:** Hranka

**Second by:** Arnold

**Discussion:** None

**Roll Call:**

**Arnold (x)**

**Feger: (--)**

**Shallenberger (x)**

**Hranka (x)**

**McCormick (x)**

**Motion Carried:**

**2.) Resolution: Banking 2014-7**

**Motion by:** Shallenberger

**Second by:** Arnold

**Discussion:** None

**Roll Call:**

**Arnold (x)**

**Feger: (--)**

**Shallenberger (x)**

**Hranka (x)**

**McCormick (x)**

**Motion Carried:**

**3.) Resolution: Roberts Rules of Order 2014-8**

**Motion by:** Arnold

**Second by:** Shallenberger

**Discussion:** None

**Roll Call:**

**Arnold (x)**

**Feger: (--)**

**Shallenberger (x)**

**Hranka (x)**

**McCormick (x)**

**Motion Carried:**

**4.) Resolution: Meeting Dates 2014-9**

**Motion by:** Arnold

**Second by:** Shallenberger

**Discussion:** None

**Roll Call:**

**Arnold (x)**  
**Feger: (--)**  
**Shallenberger (x)**  
**Hranka (x)**  
**McCormick (x)**  
**Motion Carried:**

**5.) Resolution: Freedom of Information 2014-10**

**Motion by:** Shallenberger

**Second by:** Arnold

**Discussion:** None

**Roll Call:**

**Arnold (x)**  
**Feger: (--)**  
**Shallenberger (x)**  
**Hranka (x)**  
**McCormick (x)**  
**Motion Carried:**

**6.) Table Use Agreement.**

**Motion by:** Hranka

**Second by:** Shallenberger

**Discussion:** None

**Roll Call:**

**Arnold (x)**  
**Feger: (--)**  
**Shallenberger (x)**  
**Hranka (x)**  
**McCormick (x)**  
**Motion Carried:**

**7.) Re-Appointment of Matt McMorrow to the Central Groveland Fire Protection District.**

**Motion by:** Shallenberger

**Second by:** Arnold

**Discussion:** Supervisor McCormick commented that the Fire Safety Day was well attended and complimented the Fire Board for a job well done and that it was a real service to the community.

**Roll Call:**

**Arnold (x)**  
**Feger: (--)**  
**Shallenberger (x)**  
**Hranka (x)**  
**McCormick (x)**  
**Motion Carried:**

**8.) Discuss Consent Agenda-paying bills before meeting-special credit card for Road Commissioner-pending issue with Water Board payments.**

Supervisor McCormick discussed with the board the issue of reoccurring monthly bills for the township. In a number of cases bills come due before the regular meeting approval to pay those bills and result in a late fee. Trustee Hranka asks if Ameren for instance could be put on a level payment plan. Supervisor McCormick says that even getting a level payment would not resolve the billing cycle issue. Changing the billing cycles for all of the bills would solve the issue but that would be difficult. The Water Board for instance has been resistant to changing the billing date to help us avoid a monthly late fee. The solution in this case may be to pay those bills on a quarterly or semi-annual basis. A special credit card for the Road Commissioner for instance to purchase supplies from various suppliers would help streamline the process from having separate accounts at with each supplier.

**Motions to have Road Commissioner Risinger acquire a credit card:**

**Motion by:** Arnold

**Second by:** Shallenberger

**Discussion:** None

**Roll Call:**

**Arnold (x)**

**Feger: (--)**

**Shallenberger (x)**

**Hranka (x)**

**McCormick (x)**

**Motion Carried:**

**ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:** Dave Risinger

Mr. Risinger commented that this past winter was the worst he has seen in his 18 years resulting in a number of un-anticipated and costly repairs. In addition to regular road maintenance a number of roads will require culverts replacement and in one a case boiler tube Other than business as usual we have been working on debris from a 45-50 year old tree that was hit by lightning on Cottonwood Rd.

**ASSESSOR'S REPORT:** Assessor Hiller:

There are 50 new home constructions but some of those are rebuilds from Tornado damage and with the reassessments in the Dobblaie Hills Subdivision it will be hard to predict the final outcome

**General Assistant Report: April/May 2014 by: Stephanie Stecken, Case Worker.**

**April/May CLIENT G.A. /E.A. EXPENDITURES: \$275.00**

**April/May G.A. REPORT:** There were four inquires this month. One met eligibility, two clients were sent appropriate documents, one determined not eligible.

**April/May E.A. REIMBURSEMENTS: \$00**

**PAYING OF BILLS:**

**Motion to Pay Town Bills:**

**Motion by:** Shallenberger

**Second by:** Arnold

**Discussion:** None

**Roll Call:**

Arnold (x)

Feger (--)

Shallenberger (x)

Hranka (x)

McCormick (x)

**Motion Carried:**

**Motion to pay GA bills:**

**Motion by:** Arnold

**Second by:** Shallenberger

**Discussion:** None

**Roll Call:**

Arnold (x)

Feger (--)

Shallenberger (x)

Hranka (x)

McCormick (x)

**Motion Carried:**

**Motion to Pay Road & Bridge bills:**

**Motion by:** Arnold

**Second by:** Shallenberger

**Discussion:** None

**Roll Call:**

Arnold (x)

Feger (--)

Shallenberger (x)

Hranka (x)

McCormick (x)

**Motion Carried:**

**Motion to Pay Special or Permanent Road Bills:**

**Motion by:** Arnold

**Second by:** Hranka

**Discussion:** None

**Roll Call:**

**Arnold (x)**

**Feger (--)**

**Shallenberger (x)**

**Hranka (x)**

**McCormick (x)**

**Motion Carried:**

**Executive Session Request:** None Requested

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

**All in favor:** Voice Votes all Vote Aye: Motion Carried

**Meeting Adjourned at:** 7:00PM

**Respectfully Submitted:**

Pam Christianson, Town Clerk