

**SURREY TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING
APPROVED MINUTES
JULY 11, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Russ Hamilton leading the Pledge to the Flag. Members present: Supervisor Russ Hamilton, Clerk Glenna Bradbury, Treasurer Esther Pitchford, Trustee Kevin McDevitt and Trustee Ken Pitchford. Also in attendance: Dave Williams-Fire Chief: Rod Williams-Zoning Administrator: and Samantha Pitchford, County Commissioner and several citizens

REGULAR BUSINESS

Agenda

The meeting agenda for July 11, 2017 was reviewed. A motion to accept the agenda was made by G Bradbury, supported by E Pitchford. All ayes, Motion carried.

Minutes

The minutes from the June 13, 2017 Regular Board meeting, June 22, 2017 Budget workshop and June 29, 2017 Final Budget were approved with a correction in the Zoning report (6-13-17), with a motion made by K McDevitt, supported by K Pitchford. All ayes. Motion carried.

Bills

Two separate reports, split into the 2016-17 and 2017-18 fiscal years (with grand totals). General Fund bills: (check #s 32949, 32980-32996, 33040-33047, 33035-33039) for a total of \$21,212.47, the Fire Fund bills (check #s 12578-12588, 12611-12618) for a total of \$74,112.07 and the Transfer Facility bills (check #s 958-963) a total of \$12,935.63. with Credit Card bill. Motion made by E Pitchford to pay the bills with the credit card bill, seconded by K McDevitt. Roll Call Vote: E Pitchford-yes, K McDevitt –yes, K. Pitchford-yes, R Hamilton-yes, G Bradbury-yes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report was reviewed and placed on file.

REPORTS

Fire Department Report

D Williams presented the report. It will be kept on file. •Yearly maintenance done on all the trucks •He requested to purchase two new 800 Pagers for \$550.00 each. •The Spaghetti Dinner is on July 28, 5-7 pm. •Requested approval of a new fire fighter, Ryan Brettingham. •We will be able to do our own Firefighter 1&2 class this year. •Motion to approve the new fire fighter, Ryan Brettingham was made by G Bradbury, supported by K Pitchford. All ayes. Motion carried. •Motion to approve the purchase of two 800 Pagers for \$550 each made by E Pitchford. Seconded by K McDevitt. Roll Call Vote: E Pitchford-yes, K McDevitt –yes, R Hamilton-yes, K. Pitchford-yes, G Bradbury-yes. Motion carried.

Zoning Report:

Rod Williams reported: •The Court Case: the defendants have not complied, their permits have expired as of July 2 and the case has been turned over to the Attorney for further action. •Issued 4 letters of violation and 4 zoning permits. •Received his ICC certification for the Property Maintenance Inspector.

Planning Commission:

None

Commissioners Report:

Samantha Pitchford: •Lori Ware reported the Adult Day Care Center should be open in Early October. No cost estimates are available yet. •FYI - There is an approximate increase of 1,000 people in Clare County and 18% are below poverty level. Which has caused an over run of the Senior Services Budget of 20% and 50% for Respite Care. Also a \$17,000 overrun in meals. •Per the Treasurer reported the number of foreclosed properties is down from last year, indicating an upturn in the economy.

OTHERS:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Per K Pitchford: Cemetery tractor came in with wrong bucket but should be delivered this week.
2. Medical Marijuana: •A person approached the board to become a grower/processor in an outside facility. It was tabled due to two board members being absent at the June meeting. R Williams advised the Board to not take action at this time until State rules and laws are in place. Anyone interested would need to comply. Consensus is to table the subject at this time, there are still unknown factors. S. Pitchford heard that there would be a \$100,000 fee for a license to be in the business.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Assessors contract: The contract was discussed during the Budget Workshops. E Pitchford made a motion to renew the contract as of August 1, 2017 for two years. Supported by G Bradbury. Roll Call Vote: E Pitchford-yes, G Bradbury-yes. R Hamilton-yes, K McDevitt –yes, and K. Pitchford-yes, Motion carried.
2. FYI - Regular Board Meeting time was changed from 6:30 pm to 6:00 pm during the Budget Workshop meetings. This will be posted in the paper and appropriate locations.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Public hearing for Bear Lake Special Assessment opened at 6:25pm
- b. The clerk reported on all of the published Hearing Notices and mailings. Petitions were presented to the township board on June 13, 2017, with valid signatures representing more than 50% of the total land area in the proposed assessment district. G Bradbury reported she did not receive an objection letters.
- c. The floor was opened to hear any public objection or comments concerning the special assessment. No comments or objections were made.
- d. The written Resolutions 2017-12 and 2017-13 for the weed control in the Special Assessment District were reviewed and discussed by the board. G Bradbury made a motion to approve the 2017-12 Resolution for the Bear Lake Weed Control Special Assessment at a cost of \$3,000 per property owner for five years. Supported by K. McDevitt. Roll Call Vote: G Bradbury-yes, K McDevitt-yes, K Pitchford-yes, E. Pitchford-yes, and R Hamilton-yes. Motion carried.
- e. G Bradbury made a motion to accept Resolution 2017-13 Assessment Roll for the Special Assessment District of Bear Lake as received and filed with the Surrey Township Clerk, supported by E Pitchford. Roll Call Vote: G Bradbury-yes, E Pitchford-yes, K Pitchford-yes, K McDevitt-yes, and R Hamilton-yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

Meeting and Public Hearing adjourned at 6:33PM.

Glenna Bradbury, Surrey Township Clerk

Transcribed by Joan E Farwell, Deputy Clerk
