

**Township Board Meeting
May 12, 2004**

Meacham called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Meacham, Frenzel, Coon, Edgett, Tanks were present.

The April 14, 2004 monthly meeting minutes were read. There were some changes due to typographical errors. Meacham instructed that the minutes would stand approved as amended.

Tina Ohmer addressed the board because she has a potential buyer that is interested in constructing a dock at the lake access the Ohmers share with five other homeowners. The township assured Ms. Ohmer there was no objection as long as the other five property owners agree. It was also noted that the proposed the dock must be made available for use by the six homeowners that share that particular lake access.

Mike Boulan requested the Board's permission to hold an event called "Heat Stock" at the Tribesman property on Garfield on July 30 - 31, 2004. The expected crowd will be between 300 – 500 people. The board instructed Mr. Boulan that the music must be turned off no later than 1:30 am on both nights of the event. After a short question and answer period Tanks made the motion to approve Boulan's request to hold Heat Stock July 30 – 31, 2004. Edgett seconded motion. Motion carried.

Police Report: Chief Millerov presented the police report for the month of April. The fourth annual bike safety workshop was held on May 8, 2004. The workshop went very well. The police Department will be awarded a new PBAT through a special grant. Police Department will have a LEIN audit on May 13, 2004. Millerov's full report is on file for review in the clerk's office.

Zoning Report: Jim Cheney issued eight zoning permits during the past 30 days. Six of those permits were for new homes. Everything is all set for Free Dump Day May 15.

Roy Petzold, Tuscola County Commissioner reported that he had spoken with the Road Commission regarding the problems with Goodrich Rd. The Road Commission checked out situation and found no problem with it. Commissioner Petzold also spoke briefly regarding a millage renewal request that will be on the ballot on August 3, 2004.

Fire Report: Captain Bryan Edgett presented fire report. Members of fire Department have chosen Jeff Dumka, and his wife, to attend a three-day training event in June. The approximate cost will be \$490.46. Tanks made motion to approve the Dumka's expenses to attend the training. Frenzel seconded. Edgett abstained. Motion carried.

Edgett submitted a firefighter application to the Township Board. Frenzel made motion to approve Barry Narrin as firefighter. Tanks seconded motion. Edgett abstained. Motion was carried.

The new generator arrived and has already been used. Fire Department also ordered some new tower lights.

The firemen would like to set up a waterball court behind the hall. It requires a 4" slab 8' X 50'. The board made no objection to the court as long as a space can be used that will not be on the septic tank or septic field.

Edgett's full report is on file in the clerk's office.

Public Comment: Amy & Jason Cook complained about a neighbor, Michael Sparks, who allegedly placed nails in their drive many times. The clerk will send Mr. Sparks a letter notifying him that this conduct is a violation of his lease agreement. If these actions continue the lease will be terminated and he will be forced to remove all personal property from the site.

Frank Choate asked about North Lake Project. He was informed that the board had received information from Rowe today (May 12, 2004). The information will be reviewed, and a subsequent meeting will be scheduled.

Treasurer's Report: Pat Frenzel presented the April 2004 report with the following balances on April 30, 2004:

General Fund	30,366.81
Library Account	10,297.85
Murphy Park Account	530.38
Fire Dept Reserve Fund	24,405.30
Trust & Agency	21.33
Tax Collections	1.00

Edgett made the motion to approve Treasurer's report as read. Seconded by Tanks. Motion carried.

Soil Removal Permits: Edgett made motion to renew soil removal permits for Valley Asphalt (Sec 27), Castle properties (Sec 33), Saginaw Asphalt & Paving (Sec 27), and Janet Sand & Gravel (Sec 33). Seconded by Tanks. Motion carried.

Edgett made motion to renew soil removal permits for Waterland Trucking (Sec 28 & 33). Seconded by Frenzel. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report: Clerk requested verification on Fire Dept billing procedures. Scott Lockrey, a Rich Township resident, said he was told he would not be billed on a fire run for a grass fire. Edgett explained that the contract with Rich Township states that all fire runs will be billed. It is then Rich Township's discretion whether to bill resident or not.

Clerk requested a change in pension plan from after-tax deduction to pre-tax deduction. Edgett made a motion to change the township's pension plan to pre-tax withholdings. Seconded by Frenzel. Motion carried.

Clerk requested clarification on legal services bill for blight violations. This clarification request resulted in a conversation with Neil Weldon, one of the residents noted on the bill's itemization. Mr. Weldon claims he is now in compliance. However, he did not give consent for an inspection of his property by Chief Millerov. He was informed that once his property passes inspection, the lawsuit would be dropped.

Clerk submitted vouchers. Edgett made motion to approve vouchers with the addition of a bill for the Fire Department's tower lights. Seconded by Frenzel. Motion Carried.

Cemetery Report: Sam Fackler reported the new lawnmowers were received on May 10, 2004. A new supplier may be considered for next year. The Memorial Day Ceremony at the Cemetery is scheduled for March 31, 2004 at 11:00 AM.

Supervisor's Report: Meacham presented final paperwork for the abandonment of Terbush Rd. This paperwork was signed and Meacham will submit to the Road Commission on May 15, 2004.

Meacham submitted final bids from Road Commission on road contracts. The following roads will be contracted for improvements in fiscal year 2004/2005:

1. Center Rd from Murphy Lake to Swaffer @ \$13,975.00
2. Edward Rd from Swaffer to Brown Rd @ \$13,975.00
3. Murphy Lake Rd 500' of gravel patch West of Center @ \$1,387.50
4. Leix Rd at Brown Rd @ \$2,722.50

It should be noted that these contract approvals are in addition to the paving contracts previously approved for the fiscal year of 2004/2005.

Coon requested the consideration of a water cooler at the township hall. He will get bids for the board's consideration and will submit them at our next meeting.

Edgett reminded the board of the ZBA meeting on May 15, 2004.

Coon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Frenzel seconded motion. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 10:05 PM.

Minutes prepared by: Barbara Tanks, Township Clerk

Minutes approved on _____

John J. Meacham, Township Supervisor

Barbara Tanks, Township Clerk