

Meeting of the Brevort Township Board

June 13, 2016

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM by Supervisor Serwach.

Board Members present: Supervisor Serwach, Treasurer Litzner, Clerk Bird, Trustee Wallace, Trustee Erskine

Also present: Fire Chief Mark Peterson, Roger Hanes, Ron Peterka, Eric Doerer, Judy St. Louis, Wayne Davis, Tabatha Orr, Bil Orr, Tom Doty, Brian Olson, and Judi Butkovich.

Reading of the Minutes from the May 9, 2016 Brevort Township Board meeting were read by Clerk Bird. Amendments made by Supervisor Serwach to the Sewer report include: "25 used pumps for \$200.00/piece" instead of "The cost is \$1,875.00 per pump" Treasurer Litzner proposed the total of the Allied EMS bill is \$12,374.93 not "12,191.84". "Motion to accept the minutes with amendments made by Supervisor Serwach, Seconded by Treasurer Litzner.

Treasurer's Report was read by Treasurer Litzner as attached. Motion to approve by Trustee Erskine, seconded by Trustee Wallace.

Bills against the township were read. A motion to pay the bills was made by Trustee Wallace and seconded by Trustee Erskine.

Supervisor Serwach reported that there is 1 property available on back taxes. The location of the property is #6789, Block 69 at 4774 M-123 Moran, MI 49760. A motion to allow the property to go back to Mackinac County was made by Trustee Erskine, Seconded by Treasurer Litzner. Motion passed.

The Road Commission agreements were received by Supervisor Serwach regarding using Match Funding for this year's road work. A motion to use this year's match funding for brushing, mowing, and Shoulder Gravel was made by Treasurer Litzner, Seconded by Trustee Erskine. Motion passed.

Supervisor Serwach's report included his attendance at the ambulance meeting. A new ambulance is being purchased. The family of Louise Lowetz sent a thank you card to the township regarding the flowers the township sent.

Candidates running for office were present. They introduced themselves as follows:

Judy St. Louis is running for Mackinac County Clerk. She has a passion for public service. Her work experience within the court house as a district court clerk amongst other rolls provides her with valuable experience.

Tom Doty is running for Mackinac County Clerk. He has 7.5 years with the Road Commission as well as 38 years in Law Enforcement. Mr. Doty wants change with a focus on team work and public service.

Brian Olson is running for Brevort Township Treasurer. He has had a long interest in investing his time into a local entity such as the township board. He is currently the City of St. Ignace Engineer.

Roger Hanes, Owner for the Bradford Building present information regarding his plans for the building. A report shared with the board by Building Inspector, Brian Olson, suggests that it's cheaper to tear down the building a rebuild. Mr. Hanes wants to resource the tin ceiling. He has spoken with Belong Excavating regarding their services in this matter. They are currently busy elsewhere. Mr. Hanes would like to use the month of July to remove the ceiling and tear down the building in September when traffic may be slower. Supervisor Serwach shared his concern that he has asked Mr. Hanes on several occasions to make progress with the building as he feels the building is a hazard to community members. Mr. Hanes shared that he has hired Dan Bigger to watch the building while he is not available as he resides in another community. Supervisor Serwach suggested a demolition date of August 1, 2016. Mr. Hanes agreed that he would try to accommodate that date pending the availability of an excavating company. Supervisor Serwach shared that if it is not resolved by then, the township will contact Brown & Brown.

Supervisor Serwach shared the Brevort Township Board has received \$1500.00 to support the completion of the Susan Stelzer Memorial. Brian Olson is looking into stone for it. Steve Sayles will construct it and Boyd Bigger will be assisting.

Fire Chief Peterson shared that he did not have a fire report however he shared growing concerns regarding the quality of internet connection in the township. Community members are struggling to keep a good connection. This is an ongoing issue regardless of personal attempts to connect with the internet host, Wally.

Treasurer Litzner shared that this year's audit will be August 4th and 5th. He also requested that the payment to Allied EMS needs to be ratified from the General Reserves. Trustee Wallace motioned the request, Trustee Erskine seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:39 PM with a motion from Trustee Wallace, second by Trustee Erskine.