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****UNAPPROVED****

MINUTES: December 12, 2013 – 3:30pm

Supervisor Darwin Denslow called the meeting to order at 3:30pm with the pledge to the flag. Roll call shows present Darwin Denslow, Ginger Sherman, Shirley Sprague, Audrey Dubois and Nora Quisenberry. Also present 7 visitors.

Additions to the agenda: Under New Business: 2013-2014 Snow Plow Contract.

Minutes: The regular meeting minutes from November 14, 2013 were presented as written. Motion by Shirley, seconded by Nora to approve the minutes as presented w/ changes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Tim Nestle from Mecosta County Road Commission was here to answer questions. He answered several questions about individual roads. The price per ton of asphalt is now set at \$50. Per ton rather than the \$52.83 per ton that was originally quoted on the preliminary estimates received by the township this will make a significant difference.

Tim noted that the county would need to have all bids finalized before March.

#2 project estimate: 18 mile & 50th ave. We can do only the approach and county can take care of that.

Nola stated that if we are spending money on roads, we as a township need a quality job done. Tim answered that things have changed in the last 2 years, putting 3 inches of asphalt on now instead of 2 inches.

Tim said to call Big Rapids office for complaints as they keep a complaint log to look back at and see where there problem areas are.

Treasurers Report: The Treasurer shows a balance of \$199,666.74 in the general fund account and a CD worth \$60,000. Treasurer's report for Winchester Subdivision Special Assessment Account \$1238.50. Treasurer's report for Lackies Birch Haven #1, 2, 3, & 7 Special Assessment account balance shows \$2155.92. Motion was made by Ginger, seconded by Nora to accept all treasurers' reports as presented. Motion carried.

Presentation of the Bills: Checks #9217 thru 9233 and 3- EFTs for frontier accounts and EFTPS payroll taxes were presented for the General Fund account totaling \$12,845.82. One check were presented for Winchester Sub Special Assessment account check #1062 = \$108.57. One check were presented for Lackies Special Assessment account check #1063 = \$213.50. Motion was made by Audrey, seconded by Darwin to pay all the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Assessor's Report: Judy McNatt gave a verbal and written detailed sales report to review and no building permits reported. Motion by Ginger, seconded by Shirley to accept the assessor's report as presented. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Reviewed in detail by township board and noted important facts out loud within: ~~Michigan township insights~~, County Commissioners Minutes. Contact MTA about condensing (printer friendly version) just text no pictures of Michigan Township Insights. So we have four pages as before instead of 16-20 pages per agenda packet.

Commissioners Minutes: note that the Hardy pond project is an amazing project.

Old Business: Special Assessment Annual Budget: Winchester Sub 2013-2014: Ginger made a motion to accept the proposed budget, seconded by Shirley. Motion carried.

Grant Funding for GIS at county level. Shila is asking for a letter of support from each township by December 23, 2013. Ginger will type and send letter of support.

New Business: 2014 Road Project report List:

#1) 17 Mile road wedge between 20th ave and 30th ave: 2-options

#2) 18 mile road between 50th ave and 55th Ave

#3) 10th Ave 17 mile road to Taft road

#4) 45th Ave - Madison to Taft rd. – 2-options

#5) 17 mile rd. and 47th ave – 45th Ave to Winchester Dam

#6) 45th Ave to Taft Rd to 15 mile rd. –does not need it!

After Much board discussion: It was decided that:

#2 – county will do apron per Tim.

#4 & #5 – is our best choices.

Need to ask county for a more detailed estimate on #5 and #4 w/ both options. Actual costs estimate for further review on a motion by Shirley, seconded by Darwin, motion carried.

2013-2014 Snow Plow contract w/ John Rettinger. Motion by Darwin, seconded by Nora to sign contract with John rettinger. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Jackie brillhart noted that township hall and Hannah lake accesses mowing looked good this year, and that whoever is doing this is doing a GOOD job. (Thanks to Dave Dowell)

Board Comment: Audrey reported that she talked to Mecosta County Sherriff Todd Purcell, about the alleged and possibly hate crime in our township: Sherriff said the case has been turned over to the FBI they are still investigating this and have no leads.

Shirley noted that the local gentleman's club that has been so controversial had burned down. Shirley also noted that Tina Martin signature is still on file at the bank, but that we also need Barbara Buskirk signature on file in case of Clerks absence.

Dave Dowell is asking about a Maintenance contract for 2014 year we will address this in January.

Interfacing option for copying of cemetery maps might be good idea per Shirley.

Adjourn: Motion by Shirley to adjourn meeting, Seconded by Nora. Motion carried. Annual township potluck to follow. Ginger apologized she is unable to attend potluck due to her son having a band concert.

Written By: *Ginger Sherman, Clerk* Ginger Sherman, Sheridan Township Clerk

Dated: December 19, 2013