

BURNS TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING, June 1, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor, David Mitchell.

Roll Call; Present, Adams, Granger, Mitchell and Ritter. Absent: Cole.

Adams moved, Ritter seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

Ritter moved, Adams seconded, to approve the Minutes of the May 4, 2009 regular meeting. Carried.

Treasurer Ritter gave the financial report.

Assistant Chief Hook gave the Fire Report in the absence of Chief Musall who was home ill.

There were 5 runs for the month: Ambulance Assists, 2; Assist to Argentine for an electric smell and another assist to Shiawassee Fire, Antrim Twp. barn fire. Also, a possible illegal burn on New Lothrop road.

Hook reported that the Fund Raiser, Bikin' for Burns sponsored by ABATE Region 20 was a success and they were able to purchase Sparky the Fire Dog.

We have applied for an DNR grant, for 2 Walkies. Also CPR refresher instructed by Perry Fire was free of charge.

Ritter moved, Adams seconded to pay the bills submitted from the General Fund; Fire Fund; Fire Equipment & Apparatus Fund and the Ambulance Fund. Roll Call: Ayes, Adams, Ritter, Granger and Mitchell. Absent: Cole. Carried.

Under Unfinished Business, Supervisor Mitchell submitted additional '09' road projects that could be done.

Mitchell moved, Granger seconded to Single Chip Seal Silver Lake road from Byron Village Limit to the Township Line, Total distance of 0.80 miles with agreement requiring that the township pay 100% of the total estimated cost of \$14,400.00.

Roll Call: Ayes, Granger, Ritter, Adams and Mitchell. Absent: Cole. Carried.

Mitchell moved, Adams seconded to Single Chip Seal Reed road from Lehring road to Grand River road, Total distance of 0.80 miles with agreement requiring that the township pay 100% of the total estimated cost of \$14,400.00.

Roll Call: Ayes, Ritter, Mitchell, Granger and Adams. Absent: Cole. Carried.

Mitchell moved, Ritter seconded to place 2500 tons of 23A gravel on Barnes road from Lovejoy road to one mile north a distance of 1.00 miles at a cost to the township for materials, \$5.42 per ton of 23A gravel, estimated cost of \$13,550.00.

Roll Call: Ayes, Granger, Adams, Mitchell and Ritter. Absent: Cole. Carried.

New Business:

1. Text Amendment Changes for Shiawassee County Ordinance, Campgrounds.

There was 14 members from the public in attendance who were interested in this subject. Also, Assessor, Stephen Schweikert and Dave, John, Jerry and William Atkinson, who are interested in the amendment changes. The public would like to ask questions as the proposed amendment changes are discussed.

Adams moved, Mitchell seconded to suspend the 5 minutes rule for public input.
Roll Call: Ayes, Granger, Adams, Ritter and Mitchell. Absent: Cole. Carried.

There were questions about water supply. Wauneta Ritter asked about the "water tables" and has the DEQ checked them? Dennis Dagen asked if the owner had a permit to dig at present? It is not known. This subject is not pertaining to Text Amendment changes at present. Charles Luke asked whose water tables would be checked and why... and would it be our's or their's. Would the supply be enough?

Jerry Atkinson read a presentation saying they had 586 lots in Holiday Shores their other Campground. They have named this proposed new Campground, Holiday Cove and they have 108 acres. He advised the camp would be open for 6 months of the year, May 1 through October 31.

Issue of 100' setback was a concern as he said they would lose the primitive area of the camp.

Carolyn Milas asked about the cost to the taxpayers of police and fire calls. Mr. Atkinson said that they have minor problems with police and since 1985 only one fire call and that was last year. The Campground pays an assessment percentage for Ambulance on each lot at Holidays Shores.

Gary Crawford noted there were entry road problems at Walnut Hills Campground.

The Township Planning Commission Minutes of May 19, 2009 were distributed and read by the Board and the public, and Granger moved with Adams seconding, to send the entire recommendations made by the Planning Commission as stated and with the Burns Township Board concurring as follows in part. The Planning Commission minutes are attached.

A. Minimum campground size size of ten acres should be looked into and radius of campgrounds to each other.

B. Recommends to continue with a setback from any right of way or property line at least 100 feet. Proper buffering, screening and landscaping a great concern. Three foot above grade of a shared boundary is not high enough, even with trees planted on top. Need for complete fencing of campgrounds.

C. Recommends that No. 2 under C. of Site Requirements be struck out due to the desire to keep a rural and agricultural area free of commercial enterprises as fits the Township Land Use Plan.

D. Clarify utilities, sewer and water issues at campgrounds. Interior stacking of vehicles in line waiting to register to get them off busy roads.

The following voted Aye on the above recommendations: Garry Adams, Sharon Granger, Valerie Ritter and David Mitchell. Absent: Cberyl Cole. Carried.

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It was advised that the dip on Bath road by Snooks will have a sign put up noticing the road problem. Mineral Well Brine has been applied to the gravel roads.

Bill Bowers had some questions regarding the taxable value of the gravel pit and Mr. Schweikert answered him. It is stated Residential land, changed from Industrial. It is marginal land at present. Zoning of property is different from taxing use. The land uncapped at a low value because it was assessed low when the Wolfen's sold the land to Mr. Jackson.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

DATED _____ APPROVED _____

CLERK Sharon Stanger