

BURNS TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING, August 11, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order with Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Ritter moved, Cole seconded to approve the agenda as written. Carried.

Adams moved, Ritter seconded to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2008 regular meeting. Carried.

Treasurer Ritter gave the financial report for the month. She advised that the General Fund Building Account, Fire Fund Truck Reserve Account and the Fire Equipment and Apparatus Fund Truck Reserve Account, had been transferred to Wachovia Securities in Owosso and invested in Certificates of Deposit, all under \$100,000. each, all protected by FDIC.

Assistant Chief Hook gave the Fire Report saying there were 4 runs for the month. He said we could no longer charge fuel at the downtown Sunoco station as the owner has cut ties with them. We have paid one bill containing the Federal and State gas taxes and will apply for a refund. It was the consensus of the Board that until Mr. Hanson gets his problems in order, that we will go to the Sunoco station in Argentine where we can use our credit cards. At this time, we are not aware of what Mr. Hanson intends to do. This creates a problem also for the Village of Byron as they use fuel for both the DPW and the Police Department.

The department took part in the July 5th events at the park, the parade and the water-ball event. The department also was called out during the events for a smoke investigation and a motorcycle P.I.

The Fire Fighter Academy will be starting soon and Chief Musall would like permission to host the class this year. We will have two of our people attending and it will save on gas reimbursements.

Mitchell moved, Adams seconded to allow the County Fire Fighter Academy classes to be held in the Burns Township Hall for 2008-09. Carried.

Under Public Comments, Bill Bowers asked to be recognized and he spoke as representative for a group of concerned township citizens, who were also in attendance.

Mr Bowers lives at 11802 Reed road. He said it has come to the attention of he and his neighbors that the Atkinson's who own Holiday Shores Campground at Durand, have purchased the gravel pit from Rick Jackson. The pit lies directly across the road from his home. During the course of mining gravel, a large lake has been formed. It is their understanding that it is the Atkinson's intent to create a campground on that land.

There is a concern about the groundwater. There were problems during the mining of gravel with neighboring wells. There is also concern pertaining to property values of neighboring property and with added noise and traffic.

Mr. Bowers related that Mr. Atkinson had also begun digging a new hole on the NE end of the pit to add another lake. Shiawassee Zoning Department had stopped that. He was told he could reclaim existing holes but could not dig a new one.

At this time, the township board has not been notified of Mr. Atkinson's intentions

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either by County Zoning or Mr. Atkinson. When and if a request by Mr. Atkinson for this intended use, the request will be sent to the township's planning commission for their input and recommendation. They will advance that to the Burns Township Board for evaluation and their input and recommendation will then be sent to the Shiawassee County Planning Commission for their final decision as to whether to grant a Special Use Permit to the Atkinson's for their request.

Everett Heath also spoke regarding the property across the road from the pit that is owned by his mother.

Cole moved, Ritter seconded to pay the bills. Roll Call: Unanimous.

Mitchell moved, Ritter seconded to appoint Jennifer Root as the township's representative on the SESSA board. Carried.

Supervisor Mitchell advised that he and Adams had met with the residents of Cham-payne Lane concerning the use of said road. He has distributed a letter of August 7, 2008 from Attorney Patricia McAvoy, regarding the road situation. Nothing has been resolved.

With proposed Land Divisions to consider, Ritter moved, Mitchell seconded to add them to the agenda. Carried.

Four D Realty LLC of 14355 S. Byron Road, Byron, Parcel No. 016-36-100-002, has requested a division of 2.5 acres for Charles E. Frederick of above address.

Cole moved, Adams seconded approval of a 2.5 acres land division for Charles E. Frederick from Parcel No. 016-36-100-002. Carried.

A Land Division request from Drury Realty for Patricia White was discussed. Our assessor, Steve Schweikert reviewed the proposal and declared that no splits were available as she had already had 3 splits and the parent parcel. They cannot divide anymore land for 10 years.

Granger moved, Adams seconded to deny the request of a split from Parcel No. 016-22-300-008 due to the fact that no more splits are available at this time. Carried.

SESSA Chief Guy Hubbard was in attendance and said there were 93 calls in the first half of this year to this township and village.

Adams moved, Mitchell seconded to give an additional appropriation to the Union Plains Perpetual Care Fund of \$100.00, Roll Call; Unanimous.

Granger moved, Adams seconded to approve the hall rental by Wauneta Ritter on September 9th. Carried.

A letter from County Surveyor, Norman Caldwell, P.C. thanking us for use of the 1844-1893 Burns Township Highway Commissioners ledger. He said the information in the ledger is of great interest to his office and the contract surveyors that are performing remonumentation of the original Government Surveys.

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Mr. Caldwell proposed to copy the bound book for frequent reference in his office. He also will provide a copy to our office for genealogy and historical reference. He also requests us to allow the preservation of the original ledger in a County operated, secure and climate controlled storage facility.

Mr. Caldwell told the clerk that this is the first and only copy of an original Shiawassee County Township Highway Book he has and it is extremely detailed. He has only one other highway book, that being from Saginaw County.

The Board felt that if we had a copy, it would be sufficient as we have no real use for it and in future may be destroyed by others not knowing its value.

Granger moved, Ritter seconded to donate the Burns Township Highway Commissioners Ledger of 1844 to 1893 to the Shiawassee County Surveyor, Register of Deeds Office, to be placed in the climate controlled storage facility. Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

DATED _____ APPROVED _____

CLERK Sharon Granger