

## Hollywood township meeting minutes

Monday, September 11, 2017

7:30 pm Hollywood township shed

Present: Chairman Jim Burns, Ron Kassulker, Mike Lynch, Mary Filbrandt, Pam Henry-Neaton, Township employee, Bruce Osborn.

Chairman Burns called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Hollywood township board reviewed and approved the bills and claims. Check numbers 5330 – 5339 for claims, and check numbers 5338 – 5543 and 09111701 – 09111703 for disbursements.

Minutes from the August 14, 2017 meeting were approved with the motion to approve by Ron, seconded by Mike, MSC.

### Treasurer's report:

<b><u>Beginning balance:</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,603.59</u></b>
Transfer from Money Market (General expenses from R & B)	\$5,000.00
Transfer from Money Market ( revenue \$3,808.00 R & B \$5,093.93)	\$8,901.93
Epic Property (revenue)	\$10.00
Amp Solar (R & B)	\$7,500.00
Bestway (R & B)	\$220.00
Broadband R & B)	\$200.00
Interest	<u>\$0.39</u>
<b><u>Total Balance Plus Deposit and Interest</u></b>	<b><u>\$26,435.91</u></b>
<b><u>Total Disbursements for the month</u></b>	
Revenue	\$ 3,818.00
Road and Bridge	<u>\$12,861.32</u>
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$16,679.32</b>
<b><u>Total outstanding check</u></b>	
Bruce Osborn	\$600.00
<b><u>Bank Balance</u></b>	<b><u>\$9,756.59</u></b>
<b><u>Checkbook Balance less Outstanding check</u></b>	<b><u>\$9,156.59</u></b>

**Savings accounts**

Revenue	\$34,367.96
Road and Bridge	\$119,402.70
Fire	\$22,824.40
Tower	\$6,218.01
Interest	<u>\$59.51</u>
<b><u>Total in all savings</u></b>	<b><u>\$182,872.58</u></b>
<b><u>Total in Savings and Checking</u></b>	<b><u>\$192,029.17</u></b>

(Security Back CD \$5,429.31)

**Public comments:** Larry Hoeft who lives on Tacoma appeared before the board to express a complaint about the gravel roads that are being used by vehicles due to the detour for road construction. Vehicles are not using the detour black top roads but are using the gravel roads and this is making the gravel roads washboard. Also there has been a lot of dust. Bruce will attend the construction meeting to address it with the county and the contractor. Chairman Burns said to start there and if it doesn't get resolved to then move up the line in the chain of command.

**New Business:**

- a. Liquor licenses
  - i. Joe Swartzler presented a request for his liquor license renewal for his business – Hollywood Sports Complex. Mike made motion to accept, seconded by Ron. MSC.
  - ii. Hollywood Roadhouse presented a request for a liquor license. Motion by Ron to accept, seconded by Mike, MSC.
- b. Kugler Recycling Center – information was received that the Kugler recycling center in Watertown is in the process of closing by September 30, 2017.
- c. CF Cycle of Bike ride – Saturday, September 23, 2107. This bike ride will take place in the township, along with area townships and cities. They asked if we would be willing to have a rest stop at the township shed. After discussion, it was decided that we would not be a site for a rest stop for the bike ride.
- d. Building permits – permits were reviewed.

**Old business:**

**a. US Solar Garden – conditional use permit**

Peter Schmitt met with Tom Schmidt and Bruce Johnson regarding landscaping, nothing was agreed upon in writing and still needed some work.

Jim asked residents in attendance to please express their concerns or support of the solar garden.

Tom Schmidt said he is still opposed. He cited three reasons he feels are important:

1. It has been turned down before in the same area. He wondered why it is being discussed again after being turned down. ( this is a smaller scale one) It is a highly concentrated area of homes.
2. Why is a spot not been found, an area that is not so highly concentrated?
3. It is within a mile of another one in the area.

Chuck Schuft expressed no concerns other than more water may come onto his land. Peter from the solar garden company told him there would be a storm water basin to help with that.

Larry Hoeft wondered how tall are the trees and what is used for the screening. He later expressed concern in Carver County for all the agricultural acres that are being lost due to the solar gardens.

Betty Jopp was opposed – she said she had talked to a realtor who sold a house next to the one by Winsted and the property for sale was hard to sell she felt because of the solar garden. “It does affect property values” she said. She asked if they (Solar Garden companies) give property settlements to property owners who are affected by the solar garden when they sell their homes? She said the realtor used the word “visual pollution”. She spoke of another solar garden that is being built in Carver County that residents and property owners are struggling with the construction and lack of the company following the conditional use permit. The County is now involved but this can be a long process.

Kathy Anderson said less than 10% of the power coming from this garden would serve residents of Hollywood township. McLeod Coop services 90% of township residents. She said “the people who build these are not our neighbors, you build and then you leave”. She later asked if it meets the ordinance requirements.

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Chairman Burns expressed his concern that he felt nothing had changed since last month's meeting. He thought a landscape plan should have been in place with the neighbors in writing. He also agreed with Kathy and the fact that people who build these do not live near them after they are built. He cannot support it. He did caution property owners to still work on agreements as far as landscaping and anything else that may affect them. He told them "you need to have your protection in place in case it does pass at the county level".

Supervisor Lynch agreed and said agreements should have been put into place. He does not support the project either.

Supervisor Kassulker agreed and said he would not support the project either. He made a motion to deny, seconded by Mike, MSC.

Jim signed form to indicate denial from the township. He will attach a letter to it stating the reasons why.

- b. Gravel** – Bruce will report on this at next meeting.

**Reports:**

- a. Mayer Fire Department** – no report
- b. Carver County Sheriff** – no report
- c. Clerk's report** – Pam received an email about the new voting machines that will be required at the next election. There will only be a small percentage that may be covered under a grant. She will continue to check on it and get back to the board regarding our costs when she finds out a definite cost. This was brought up at the last annual meeting and will be discussed again at the next one to include cost in the levy if needed.

Pam shared information about an upcoming mental health training in Carver County. Pam said the township insurance is due and in the bills this month. She has asked Bruce to review and update as needed the township equipment list.

- d. Bruce's report** – Bruce presented to the board a driveway/culvert permit for Yancy Ave. He spoke about ditch clean up. Ron made motion to approve Brad Matter to do the job, seconded by Mike, MSC. Bruce spoke about 42<sup>nd</sup> St., Jim said he is okay with fixing it as long as it long term. Mike made motion to approve Brad Matter to do the work, seconded by Ron, MSC.  
Bruce said he would be taking off the last 3 weeks of October if that was okay, Jim said yes as long as he is available for an emergency.

Eric Geise appeared before the board with a request for a variance on a shed he is constructing on his property on 62<sup>nd</sup> St. Mike made motion to approve, seconded by Ron, MSC.

Next meeting set for Monday, October 9, 2017.

Ron made motion to adjourn, seconded by Mike, MSC.

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Jim Burns Chair

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Pam Henry-Neaton Clerk