**INLAND TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

August 12, 2019

Inland Township Offices

**Call to Order** by Supervisor Beechraft

**Pledge of Allegiance** was recited

**Roll Call**: Present – Supervisor Beechraft, Clerk Wirth, Treasurer Wilson, Trustee Miller and Trustee Poulisse Absent/Excused – None

**Public Comment**:

Bob Wilkinson, Sexton, reported that someone asked if they could plant a tree at the cemetery.

**Approval of Meeting Agenda:** Supervisor Beechraft asked to add to New Business: #4 Tree at cemetery, #5 Brining, #6 a. and b. LIAA

***Motion*** made by Miller to approve the Agenda as amended second by Wilson.

Ayes – All Nays – None Motion carried

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

\*Approval of Minutes July 13, 2019

\*Financial Reports for the month of July

\*Approval of Prepaid Bills: General Checking: #13020-13067 = $16993.01

\*Transfer $500 from Fire Fund (206) to General Fund (101)

\*Transfer $20,000 from the General Fund (101) to Parks & Rec (208)

\*Budget Amendments

***Motion*** made by Wilson to approve the Consent Agenda as presented second by Miller.

Roll call: Ayes – Wilson, Wirth, Poulisse, Miller and Beechraft Nays – None Motion carried

**Correspondence: N/A**

**Reports:**

1. County Commissioner – Not available for the meeting.
2. Fire Chief

Chief Pfost reported there were 18 calls last month – 8 fires and 10 EMS.

Orientation for new Fire Dept. software was today.

D.O.T.’s on the trucks are all done. Hose testing will be in September. Pump testing will be in September or October.

Training is this Thursday for the electric sign.

1. Parks & Recreation

Bob Wilkinson reported that the new path is awesome; skateboarders, rollerblades and others have been using it. Gravel is needed to put where the asphalt and gravel drive meet to prevent asphalt breakage. We will see if we can get it from the county.

***Motion*** made by Beechraft to allow up to $250.00 for Bob to order road gravel for the park drive second by Poulisse.

Roll Call: Ayes – Wirth, Poulisse, Wilson, Miller and Beechraft Nays – None Motion carried

1. Fire Association

Rose Wirth reported on the meeting, two members were there, just approved the minutes and financial report.

1. Homestead and Inland Joint Planning Commission/ZBA

Mary Miller reported that they met in July and approved a non-conforming application.

The next meeting will be August 19, 2019 at Homestead Township, a Public Hearing regarding the gravel pit on Oakley Road.

* 1. Zoning Report – N/A

1. Blight Officer – N/A
2. Event Committee

Paul Beechraft reported that they discussed a November vendor event and applications to send to vendors.

Rose Swartout will be on vacation and would like Amber Jurk to assist with Euchre.

***Motion*** made by Beechraft to appoint Amber Jurk to the Event Committee second by Wilson.

Ayes – All Nays – None Motion carried

Meetings are going to start being at Bendon Hall.

We are looking into getting air conditioners for the building.

Cash receipts for the month - $66.20 from Euchre and $31.53 from Hymn Sing.

1. Township Board Members Reports – Supervisor Beechraft reported that the seal coat is

finished and it looks good.

**Approval of Unpaid Bills**:

***Motion*** made by Miller to approve payment of bills #13068 – 13088 = $75,343.99 second by Poulisse.

Roll Call: Ayes – Wilson, Wirth, Poulisse, Miller and Beechraft Nays – None Motion carried

**Old Business:**

1. Planning Commission Consultant Contract

***Motion*** made by Miller to accept the Professional Service Agreement as presented second by Poulisse.

Roll Call: Ayes – Poulisse, Wilson, Miller, Wirth and Beechraft Nays – None Motion carried

1. Planning Commission Ordinance

***Motion*** made by Beechraft to approve the Ordinance to Confirm the Establishment of a Planning Commission with Zoning Authority second by Wilson.

Roll Call: Ayes – Poulisse, Wirth, Wilson, Miller and Beechraft Nays – None Motion carried

***Motion*** made by Wilson to publish the ordinance in the Record Patriot second by Beechraft.

Roll Call: Ayes – Wirth, Miller, Beechraft, Poulisse and Wilson Nays – None Motion carried

1. Planning Commission Members

***Motion*** made by Beechraft to appoint Laura Turmel for 1 year, Nellie Thomas for 2 years, Paul Huffman for 2 years, Jim Clark for 3 years and ex officio member Mary Miller for the remainder of her term second by Wilson.

Roll Call: Ayes – Poulisse, Wilson, Beechraft, Wirth and Miller Nays – None Motion carried

**New Business**:

1. Planning Commission Lateral File for when the Planning Commission is dissolved.

***Motion*** made by Beechraft to approve the purchase of the 5 drawer file cabinet as presented second by Wilson.

Roll Call: Ayes – Wilson, Wirth, Poulisse, Miller and Beechraft Nays – None Motion carried

1. BCRC – Brundage/Carmean bill

We received another bill from Benzie County Road Commission; AJ’s did not get their bill in on time. Supervisor Beechraft talked with the Road Commission and told him it would be brought to the Board for payment of some, all or none of the bill.

***Motion*** made by Beechraft to split the bill with the Benzie County Road Commission our share $875.00 second by Miller.

Roll Call: Ayes – Poulisse, Wilson, Miller, Wirth and Beechraft Nays – None Motion carried

1. Petty Cash – Tax Account

Treasurer Wilson reported that there is a balance of $980.00 in the account when she took office. The account is supposed to be empty, she has distribute all money to all relevant accounts and the account has been zeroed out, but, there has to be money in the account to keep it open so that is why I am asking for $200.00 from the General Fund (101) for the Tax Account.

***Motion*** made by Wilson to approve $200.00 from the General Account (101) for the tax account second by Poulisse.

Roll Call: Ayes – Poulisse, Wirth, Wilson, Miller and Beechraft Nays – None Motion carried

1. Tree at cemetery

Bob Wilkinson stated that a family has asked if they can plant an ornamental tree at a gravesite.

***Motion*** made by Wilson to not allow planting of any trees at the Inland Township Cemetery second by Miller.

Ayes – All Nays – None Motion carried

Clerk Wirth stated that there is a need to update the cemetery ordinance.

***Motion*** made by Beechraft for Bob the Sexton and Rose the Clerk look at the rules for the cemetery second by Wilson.

Ayes – All Nays – None Motion carried

1. Brining

Last brining was only at 20% brine, it has not been resolved yet with the company. Treasurer Wilson stated she talk to Matt Skeels and they are going to somehow have to reimburse the townships for this.

The Board chose not to do a second brining. Clerk Wirth will send an email.

1. LIAA

A bill and a letter were received for the website and the GoDaddy account which will be phased out and a price increase for the GoDaddy account. We are being referred to Rack Space of our email accounts. It is recommended that we keep this for another year.

***Motion*** made by Beechraft to approve the $612 for Land Information Access Association also known as LIAA second by Wirth.

Roll Call: Ayes – Wilson, Wirth, Poulisse, Miller and Beechraft Nays – None Motion carried

**Public Comment:** Bob Wilkinson – Who has access to make changes to the website? Can you update the Cemetery prices on the website? He suggested that we go over the Ordinance to make those changes as well.

**Any Other Business to come before the Board**

Attorney Tim Figuera gave an overview of what is going on with the petition that was received on 30 July for a ballot proposal to opt out of Marihuana Establishments; it did not include an ordinance language but did contain the required signatures to be placed on the next regular ballot. Our office investigated what the ordinance actually states. The Township has already adopted an ordinance to prohibit Marihuana Establishments adopted in December 2018. Michigan Regulation and taxation of Marihuana Act cannot limit any rights or privileges under the 2008 and 2016 Medical Marihuana Facilities Act; it is our opinion that there is not a valid initiative option to opt out of Medical Marihuana Facilities under the Facilities Licensing Act. The township already has this law and also regulation and taxation of 2018 provides that you have the signatures and it must follow election law which states that is to be put on the next regular election which is defined as an election where you are putting a person in office or nominating someone into office, since there is no election meeting that criteria will be until next year we cannot hold a special election for just the petition.

A resolution has been prepared to explain the reasoning for not putting this on the ballot in November. It also cannot be put on upcoming ballots unless the Township changes their stance on Recreational Marihuana Establishments.

***Motion*** made by Wilson to adopt the Resolution regarding Marihuana Ballot Proposal second by Miller.

Roll Call: Ayes – Poulisse, Wilson, Miller, Wirth and Beechraft Nays – None Motion carried Supervisor Beechraft declared the resolution duly adopted on August 12, 2019.

Supervisor Beechraft reported that someone supplied lunch for the Road Commission today for the workers on Carmean and Brundage Road.

**Adjournment**

Motion made by Miller to adjourn the meeting second by Wilson.

Ayes – All Nays – None Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

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Paul Beechraft , Supervisor Date

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Rose A. Wirth, Clerk Date