

The Caledonia Township Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, January 10, 2018, at the Township Hall, 6461 Gillard Road, Spruce, Michigan, with Supervisor Kathy Vichunas presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: J. Scott; R. Abend; K. Vichunas and K. Scott.

Motion by R. Abend; Support J. Scott to accept the Agenda as submitted with additions. Motion carried.

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items – Craig Johnston looking for District 1 candidates for the County Commissioner vacancy; interviews will begin on Friday, January 12th at 1:00.

Motion by J. Scott; Support by K. Scott to place the Treasurer's report on file subject to audit. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Scott; Support R. Abend to pay the bills as presented – Check Nos. 5030 thru 5052. Motion carried.

Motion by R. Abend; Support J. Scott to accept the Minutes with correction. Motion carried.

Correspondence – PI Communications, MetLife, DEQ, PIE & G, DNR re grant denial and Census Bureau request.

MTA Chapter Meeting will be held 1/23/18 at 7 p.m. in the Board of Commissioners Conference Room, in the Court House. J. Scott will attend.

Zoning Administrator – 4 liquor inspections, 1 land use permit and 2017 annual report listed 37 Land Use Permits, 5 Land Divisions and 55 liquor inspections.

PC – met 1/8/18 – 2018 officers: Chair, Williams; Vice Chair, Thompson; Secretary, Grove and Grove reappointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Discussed the cell tower, proposed Revision of the Sign Regulations and Medical Marihuana. PC would like to implement the Interactive Zoning Ordinance for the Township web-site, will be discussing riparian rights, placement of docks/hoists and sandbar issues. New PC members must complete the online Planning and Zoning training. Next PC meeting is February 12th, the Tri-Township Planning Committee will meet April 19th at Alcona Township.

Sexton – invite Sexton to February's Board meeting to provide updates on Cemetery Lot Sales and to emphasize the requirement that all records/sales must be submitted to the Clerk.

Unfinished Business – None.

New Business –

Motion by J. Scott; Support R. Abend to request bids to remodel/update the Township Hall restrooms and kitchen.

Hall Rental Fees – Rental Contract – Rental Checklist – These documents require updating. All rental fees must be submitted to the Clerk and any deposit refunds will be processed through the Clerk and the Treasurer.

Township Website - Rearrange information on the website to make is user friendly.

Budget Workshop – Scheduled for February 21, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Motion by R. Abend; Support J. Scott to appoint Kristy O’Dea as the Deputy Treasurer effective February 1, 2018.

Motion by J. Scott; Support R. Abend to send Supervisor Vichunas to the DNR grant workshop on Tuesday, January 30th with per diem and mileage. Motion carried.

Motion by K. Scott; Support R. Abend to send Supervisor Vichunas and 3 BOR members to the MTA Board of Review Training in Alpena on February 13th with per diem and mileage.

Motion by J. Scott; Support by R. Abend to appoint Tim Ratz as Trustee to the Caledonia Township Board effective January 11, 2018. Motion carried.

Supervisor Vichunas offered the Planning Commission vacant seat to Cindy Smith. Ms. Smith requested one week to make a decision. (exp. 1/17/18).

Public Comment –Question regarding all land owners receiving the resident rate for renting the Township Hall. All Caledonia Township residents and land owners receive the resident rate for renting the Township Hall.

Motion by J. Scott; Support by R. Abend to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried.

NOTE: Next regular Board of Trustees meeting will be held on February 14th, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.

Kerry Scott, Caledonia Township Clerk