

Bear Creek Township Regular Meeting

January 2, 2019

Called to order at 7 p.m.

Roll Call: Keiser, Hoffman, Nowland, Golding and Stringer

Approval of Minutes: Keiser reported that we have minutes from our last regular meeting of December 5, 2018 and joint Bear Creek Township, Planning Commission meeting on December 12, 2018.

Motion by Hoffman and 2nd by Nowland we approve both sets of minutes as printed. **Unanimous**

Roads: Keiser wants to meet before Road Commission meeting on January 21, 2019 to discuss the rating system and what we feel needs to be done.

Fire Hall: We got the final bill but the work is not finished yet. It is recommended that we hold back \$3,000.00 until all the work is completed.

Motion: by Hoffman to pay \$135,209.44 of the final bill, 2nd by Stringer. **Unanimous**

Marijuana Law: Joel Wurster was present to talk about the law and answer questions. At this point the rules are not set up, the state has 1 year to get these set up. People can't apply for this yet so our options are still open, we do nothing, opt out or choose to allow this business in our Township. A lot of questions can't be answered, at this point the Board feels that it would be best to opt out now since so much is still unknown. A person can challenge this later by getting a petition and get this on the next election to try and change this.

Motion: by Nowland, to prohibit marihuana establishments within the boundaries of Bear Creek Township pursuant to Initiated Law 1 of 2018, MCL 333.27951, 2nd by Hoffman

Roll Call: Golding, Nowland, Hoffman, Keiser, Stringer Yes-5 No-0 **Unanimous**

Independence Village: Would like to change ownership. They want to do this by selling Bonds. This will not change the tax in the township it will only change ownership. There must be a public hearing on this.

Motion: by Hoffman to hold the public meeting at our next meeting on February 6, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., 2nd by Nowland. **Unanimous**

Budget Workshop Meeting: Tuesday January 15, 2019 at 3:45.

Bay View Country Club Tax Appeal: Golf Course is appealing the Tax Bill. Keiser has been talking to attorney and would like an appraisal so that they have more information on this issue in trying to work things out with Golf Course.

Sewer appeal request from Up In Smoke going into old Pizza building. Has already been a restaurant and already paying for 8 REU's and asking not to have to pay for an additional 6 more. This will not be a full service restaurant will use mostly paper products, has no dishwasher and will hand wash small amounts. Had the sewer lines scanned and cleaned and a new grease trap bigger than before has been installed.

Motion: by Golding not to charge for extra REU's, 2nd by Nowland **Unanimous**

Commissioners Report: Jim Kargol gets sworn into office on Friday January 4, 2019

Planning/Zoning: Chief Welsheimer talked to the board about the things that he looks for in buildings and on plans to report back to the board for safety and usage purposes. 2 cases were heard and passed. The next Master Plan meeting will be January 9, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Fire Dept.: Using the new truck, and sold a truck to Wolverine fire department. EMS calls 11, Fire calls 24. Did Shop With a Hero with 45 kids and shopped with 21 foster kids between Wal-Mart and Meijer.

Correspondence:

--Letter from Conservation Easement Monitoring

--MTA training form

--Letter from Walloon Lake Association

--Letter from Ballards

--Township Focus Magazine

Clerks Business: Stringer reported bills in the amount of \$336,030.73.

Motion: by Hoffman to pay bills, 2nd by Golding **Unanimous**

Treasurer's/Building Report: Golding gave a report.

Sewer Report: Keiser gave report on bills for the month totaling \$69,065.72.

Motion by: Stringer to pay the sewer bills, 2nd by Golding.

Unanimous

Adjournment: 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Anita Stringer".

Anita Stringer Clerk