

REGULAR MEETING JUNE 11, 1996

The June 11 Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Supervisor Edward Magnus. Also present for the township board were Sheila DiBerardino, Clerk; Nancy Henige, Treasurer; Larry Russell, Dave Stewart, Joanne Strahm, and Gary St. Charles, Trustees. James Totten, Manager, was also present.

Approximately fifteen (15) people were in the audience.

Motion by Stewart, supported by Russell to approve the minutes of the May 14, 1996 regular meeting as read.. Motion carried 7-0.

Gary St. Charles left the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Motion by Henige, supported by Stewart to pay current invoices totaling \$32,689.03. Motion carried 6-0.

Ken Berthiaume, of Berthiaume and Co., presented the annual audit report for fiscal year ending March 31, 1996. The auditor gave an unqualified opinion which is the best opinion a CPA can render on financial statements. The auditor reported the General fund Fund Balance was very healthy and cited good management of finances. Motion by Stewart, supported by DiBerardino to accept the audit report. Motion carried 6-0.

Saginaw County Sheriff Tom McIntyre presented information on the COP (Community Oriented Policing) federal grant. Some of the programs would include ordinance enforcement, crime prevention, neighborhood watch, senior citizen and business education, and park related activities. Motion by DiBerardino, supported by Henige to accept the Saginaw County Sheriff's proposal to pay \$20,000.00 per year for 3 years to participate in the COP grant program. Motion carried 5-0-1.

Yes: Magnus, DiBerardino, Henige, Russell, Stewart

No: None

Abstain: Strahm

Supervisor Magnus read the township attorney's opinion on board authorizations for disbursement of park funds. The attorney cited various board motions from June 1994 through September 1995 and concluded the cited "Board authorizations could be construed as official actions to authorize disbursements of Township funds," and "Board ratification does not appear necessary unless there is some dispute concerning the bidding process or purchase amounts." Motion by DiBerardino, supported by Henige to accept the township attorney's opinion on paying park fund expenditures, and to allow no further discussion on this topic at the township level. Motion carried 4-0-2.

Yes: Magnus, DiBerardino, Henige, Stewart

No: None

Abstain: Russell, Strahm

Manager Totten opened five bids received to construct a road in the township cemetery. Motion by DiBerardino, supported by Russell to accept the Pabis Trucking bid of \$1,985.00. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Russell, supported by Stewart to approve Ordinance #96-3, adopting the International Mechanical Code 1996 Edition. Motion carried 6-0.

Manager Totten reported on the following items: 1. Information on jaws of life will be presented at the July meeting. 2. The Township DDA has hired Bartow & King Engineers to do a redesign of pump system. Discussion followed on DDA related issues that will be coming before the board in the next couple of months. 3. The site plan for a nine hole golf course will be presented on June 24.

Motion by Russell, supported by Strahm to adjourn at 8:42 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Sheila DiBerardino, Clerk
Birch Run Township Board