

**GARDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
February 19, 2019**

The regular meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:03 p.m. by Township Supervisor, Richard Pichette.

Present: Brenda Lester, Tyler Lucas, Mary Ann LeBresh, Lisa Pichette, and Richard Pichette.

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

MINUTES: Motion was made by Lisa, seconded by Brenda, to approve minutes for the regular meeting held on January 8, 2019 and the budget meetings held on January 14, 2019, January 21, 2019, January 28, 2019, and February 18, 2019, as presented by the Clerk. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS: The following budget amendments were presented by the Township Clerk:

GENERAL FUND

Legislative, Trustee Special Duty Wage Expense: Decrease from \$2,040.00 to \$1,020.00

Legislative, Trustee Newsletter Editor Expense: Increase from \$-0- to \$1,020.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Equipment from Grants Expense: Increase from \$-0- to \$1,000.00 (*new account*)

Fire Equipment-Besse Funds Expense: Increase from \$-0- to \$20,000.00 (*new account*)

Fire Equipment Expense: Decrease from \$21,000.00 to \$-0-

Truck Maintenance Expense: Increase from \$3,000.00 to \$3,100.00

Insurance Expense: Decrease from \$8,500.00 to \$8,400.00

A motion was made by Lisa, seconded by Tyler, to approve the budget amendments as presented by the clerk. Roll Call Vote: Brenda – yes, Tyler – yes, Lisa – yes, Mary Ann – yes, and Richard - yes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS: There were five additions to the bill sheet. Mary Ann made a motion, seconded by Lisa, to approve payment of the bills with additions as presented by the clerk. Roll Call Vote: Brenda – yes, Tyler – yes, Lisa – yes, Mary Ann – yes, and Richard - yes. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: The assessor's report was presented to the board and a copy will be placed on file.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Farley presented his report. Extraction training took place on January 25th and 26th, 2019. The application for the 2% grant through the Sault Tribe in the amount of \$6,500.00 for lighting was completed by Chief Farley. Brenda will compose a letter to be submitted with the application. Keith is still working on the issue with dispatch not paging out informational requests. Keith is working with the Fire Chiefs Association and the Delta County Townships Association. Brenda made a motion, seconded by Mary Ann, to change the payment due Kobas Electric for the Fire Department to \$232.00. Roll Call Vote: Brenda – yes, Tyler – yes, Mary Ann – yes, Lisa -yes, and Richard – yes. Motion carried.

CLERK/CEMETERY REPORT: Brenda stated there will be an election in May, 2019. The insurance policy for the Participating Plan has been received and will be placed on file.

TREASURER/TOWNSHIP HALL: The Treasurer and Clerk accounts balanced and a copy of the reports will be placed on file. Mary Ann stated the two door knobs have been keyed for the kitchen and the township

storage room and Kobas Electric will be installing the new lighting in the township hall on February 21, 2019.

TRANSFER STATION: Lisa will put in township newsletter that residents do not have to pay for dumping furniture, televisions, mattresses, etc.; however, nonresidents do have to pay.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Lisa is working on closing out the Placemaking mini grant.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS: Letter was received from Heritage requesting they continue their lease at the fire hall through May 31, 2019. Delta County Jail had an open house on January 15th which Richard, Lisa, and Mary Ann attended. Village board meeting on February 6, 2019, was attended by Deputy Supervisor, Janet Daasch. The township was told the Village of Garden is not a member of the Delta County Township's Association; therefore, they are not included in the fire sign project; however, the village is a member; therefore, they are checking into the fire signs. Board of Review meetings have been scheduled and the notice is on the door and it will be published.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Motion Lights & Lighting for Township Hall:** Kobas Electric has installed the motion lights for the township hall and fire department. Township interior lights will be installed on February 21, 2019.
- **Fire Signs:** (Also see supervisor comments) The price to install the signs has increased from \$30.00 to \$32.14 per sign. C.U.P.P.A.D. has information from the 911 system and is willing to work with the townships to get correct addresses.
- **Metal Collection:** Coplan was going to charge the township \$500.00 per trip to pick up the metal. Bill contacted A & L Metal and they are willing to come pick it up and will not charge the township.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **2019 Poverty Exemption:** Motion was made by May Ann, seconded by Brenda, to comply with the poverty guidelines for poverty exemptions for 2019. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion carried
- **Board of Review Manual from the MTA:** Motion made by Richard, seconded by Brenda, to order a new Board of Review manual. Roll Call Vote: Brenda – yes, Tyler – yes, Mary Ann – yes, Lisa – yes, and Richard – yes. Motion carried.
- **Resolution to Not Collect Fines, Penalties, and Interest on sold properties:** Motion made by Lisa, seconded by Tyler, to adopt resolution to not collect fines, penalties, and interest as authorized by MCL 211.27b. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion carried.
- **Assessor's Contract:** A new contract was received from Assessor, Joe Maki, for renewal. Current contract ends in May, 2019. Motion made by Richard, seconded by Tyler, to table the decision on the Assessor contract until the March 12, 2019, meeting. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Motion made by Richard, seconded by Lisa, to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Brenda Lester

Garden Township Clerk