

VIENNA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2015
CYNTHIA J. BRYAN, CLERK

Roll Call: Present: Taylor, Bryan, Cain, Lemieux, Belill, Thomas
Absent: Fuller

Previous Minutes: March 2, 2015. Moved by Bryan, seconded by Thomas to approve the minutes of March 2, 2015 with any changes and corrections. Lemieux stated that he had a correction on page 8, item number 4 then corrected himself and said it must have been changed. All in favor

Taylor apologized for not being up to verse on the business for the meeting as he has been feeling under the weather and was in the hospital last week.

Bills: Bills in the amount of \$ 23,185.24 were presented. Moved by Cain, seconded by Bryan to approve the bills in the amount of \$ 23,185.24.
ROLL CALL: Yeas – Bryan, Cain, Lemieux, Thomas, Belill, Taylor
Nays – None Motion carried

Treasurer's Report: Cain presented the February 2015 Treasurers Report.

Building Report: Taylor presented the February 2015 Building Report.

Library Report: Thomas reported that February was a slow month. She stated that new shades were installed on the east side of the ground floor and new book ends in the children's room were purchased with funds donated by the Friends of the Library. Thomas said they are currently working on lighting up the exterior sign. Cain stated that he spoke with Thomas earlier in the day regarding decisions that have been made by the Library Board pertaining to the Accounting, which has been done by Vienna Township. Cain stated that Thomas was going to go back to the Library Board to discuss it and ensure they understand what the ramifications are by not having Vienna Township do the accounting.

Senior Center Report: Burton reported that they are currently working on 2015 goals for the Senior Center. She stated in 2015 they will be working to bring the Senior Center database current, increasing sign in's to reflect the actual number of people walking through the door because only one out of every three people are signing in, increasing the number of people walking through the door, bringing record keeping to the level or above the

level expected by the County and improving community relations and the communities perspective of the Senior Center. Burton stated that the Blue River Band will be performing on Friday and discount tickets are available for \$3.00 per ticket in advance and \$4.00 at the door. Thomas questioned whether a counter at the door, such as the one at the Library would satisfy the count requirement. Burton stated that names needed to be entered into the program for credit.

Fire Authority Report: Bryan reported that discussions are ongoing to find funds to replace Tanker #17 at Station 1. Bryan stated that the truck is starting to show more signs of wear as the road conditions worsen. Bryan stated that the Fire Authority voted to approve a one year trial of a software program called I am responding, which tracks the status of fire fighters once they have responded to a call.

BDA Report: Belill stated that one of the new members attended the last meeting, but the other did not and that the Chairperson stepped down. Belill stated that a person living or owning a business in the BDA District would need to be appointed to bring the Board into compliance. Lemieux questioned how many Board members are currently sitting on the Board, Belill stated that there were currently 8 and the bi-laws require there be nine with five of the members living or owning a business in the BDA District.

Supervisor's Report: Taylor stated he has been working with the County on the truck route signs and it has taken about six weeks to get a hold of one company that is giving him a bid and that he has had issues with his computer. Taylor stated that the County requires the sign to be 2' x 4' and that he has relayed that information to the other company but that his computer is ten days behind and he is hoping it will update and he will get the other quote. Taylor stated that the quote received from the County was about \$10,000.00. Taylor reported that he has requested that Emterra keep their trucks off the sides of the roads until the frost restrictions are lifted and that they agreed to do so. Cain asked whether Taylor could ask the competitive bidder to email himself or Cindy the quote to speed up the process. Bryan stated that she could call her contact and see if they could help with expediting the bid. Lemieux questioned whether there have been any specs received by the County for the bid that they provided that could be utilized in obtaining competitive quotes. Taylor stated that he tried to obtain it, but that the competitor stated that they would follow county specs. Lemieux stated that he would rather have the specs in hand. Belill questioned why the specs couldn't be obtained from MDOT. Lemieux stated that MDOT has no responsibility for the truck route because they are all on County roads. Belill stated that she understood that but that she would think that the State specs would supersede the County specs. Lemieux stated that the County works to State standards. Taylor stated that he would have the specs clarified by the next meeting. Lemieux stated that this has been talked about since December and they are

nowhere near ready to be installed in time for the frost restrictions being lifted. Taylor stated that he understood, but that it wasn't from a lack of him trying.

Additions/Changes: Remove – Assessor Employment Contract
Add – Truck Route Signage under New Business as item 3

Correspondence: Peter Doerr Opinion Letter. Bryan stated that correspondence was received in response to the question brought up by a Board member in regards to the Townships' responsibility to provide legal counsel to the Supervisor for the upcoming hearing. Bryan stated that the correspondence included in the packet was the opinion letter from Attorney Peter Doerr stating that the Township would not be responsible for providing counsel to the Supervisor and that she had confirmed this opinion with MTA. Taylor stated that he had a letter from an attorney that he spoke with that he thought he brought with him but did not. Taylor stated that one way or another he would require representation and if it is determined that the Township should pay for his counsel, he would sue the Township for expenses.

Public Comment: None

Unfinished Business:

1. 2015 Election Commission Appointments. Bryan stated that because of the upcoming May Special Election, it is necessary for an Election Commission to be appointed by the Board. Bryan explained that through training it has come to her attention that the members should consist of herself and two trustees. Bryan stated that the term trustees could be taken to mean any members of the Board of Trustees or any of the four trustees elected as such to the Board. Bryan stated that because it isn't completely clear and an opinion from the State couldn't be obtained she felt the appointments should be comprised of Trustees. Moved by Bryan, seconded by Cain to appoint Bryan, Fuller and Thomas to the 2015 Election Commission. Taylor stated that he felt any of the Board Members would be considered Trustees of the Board, but agreed it was better to be on the safe side. Bryan stated that she would rather appoint as motioned, than find out during an audit that they were not in compliance.

ROLL CALL: Yeas – Cain, Lemieux, Thomas, Belill, Taylor, Bryan
Nays – None motion carried

2. Assessor Employment Contract. Tabled until April 6, 2015.

New Business:

1. CDBG Authorized Signatures, Resolution 03-16-15-04. Moved by Bryan, seconded by Thomas to adopt Resolution 03-16-15-04. Taylor stated that he assumed they were ok with everything that was requested. Bryan stated that this Resolution

designates four individuals to sign on behalf of Vienna Township to accept funds through CDBG.

ROLL CALL: Yeas – Belill, Taylor, Bryan, Cain, Lemieux, Thomas

Nays – None

Motion carried

2. Freedom 4 Veterans Run, Resolution 03-16-15-05. Moved by Bryan, seconded by Belill to adopt Resolution 03-16-15-05. Thomas stated that the date on the resolution was March 16, 2015, but the flyer was for May 23, 2015. One of the organizers from the event that was in attendance stated that it was May 23, 2015. Moved by Bryan, seconded by Belill to adopt Resolution 03-16-15-05 with the date changed to May 23, 2015.

ROLL CALL: Yeas – Lemieux, Thomas, Belill, Taylor, Bryan, Cain

Nays – None

Motion carried

3. Truck Route Signage. Taylor read that the memo was to allow Supervisor Taylor by board motion to authorize Trustee Lemieux to obtain more information from the GCRC traffic engineering department regarding specifications on what was proposed in GCRC Road signage. Taylor stated that it had been discussed and he didn't know where to go from here because he has followed up on it. Lemieux stated that it goes back to the previous conversation, in that specifications are needed and that he isn't sure that a 2' x 4' sign is required and questioned the materials needed. Taylor stated that Vienna is at the mercy of the information they are provided. Lemieux stated that he understood, but that this has been something they have been trying to complete for ten months and it needed to be taken a step further even if the County dislikes Vienna. Taylor stated that he understood and he would continue to work on pricing and to get the specs and that no matter what the signs needed to be approved by the County.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: None

Moved to adjourn at 6:09PM

Cynthia J. Bryan
Clerk

Approved

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Vienna, Genesee County, Michigan, held on the 16th day of March, 2015.

David Cain
Treasurer

Cynthia J. Bryan
Clerk