

VIENNA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2015
CYNTHIA J. BRYAN, CLERK

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

Public Hearing: Truth in Taxation. Bryan opened the Public Meeting at 5:31PM. Bryan presented the 2014 Tax Rates and the proposed 2015 Tax Rates and explained the purpose of the Truth in Taxation Hearing. Hearing no public comment, Clerk Bryan explained action would be taken on the proposed 2015 millage rates later in the meeting and closed the public hearing at 5:33PM.

Previous Minutes: August 17, 2015. Moved by Bryan, seconded by Cain to approve the minutes for August 17, 2015 with any changes and corrections. All in favor

September 14, 2015. Moved by Bryan, seconded by Cain to approve the minutes for September 14, 2015 Special Meeting with any changes and corrections. All in favor

Bills: Bills in the amount of \$7,254.21 were presented. Moved by Cain, seconded by Bryan to approve the bills in the amount of \$7,254.21.
ROLL CALL: Yeas – Rizk, Bryan, Cain, Lemieux, Belill, Thomas
Nays – None Motion carried

Treasurer's Report: Cain presented the August 31, 2015 Treasurers Report.

Building Report: Bryan presented the August 2015 Building Report.

Library Report: Thomas reported a very busy month in August. Thomas stated the children's summer reading program was a huge success.

Senior Center Report: Burton reported the center is operating at a loss of \$243.95 as of August 30, 2015, with monthly expenses at \$2,925.86. Burton stated Clymer would be attending a refresher course on My Senior Center Software, there were 44 new members for the month of August bringing the total number of members over the age of 60 and living in Genesee County to 762 and total number of members over the age of 60 to 1,145. Burton explained that the numbers will reset at the end of September and expressed a need for volunteers at the Center.

- Fire Authority Report:** Cain reported the Fire Authority is moving forward with the new truck and recently sent four firefighters to review the plans. Cain explained that financing should be settled in the next month or two.
- BDA Report:** Rizk informed the Board that Belill had resigned from the BDA Board, and thanked Belill for her service and stated she would be missed. Rizk stated he had a conversation with a potential business moving into the district, but that it couldn't be disclosed due to confidentiality.
- Supervisor Report:** Rizk stated he spoke with the Center for Community Development regarding the continued fight with blight in the area and from that meeting the idea of contacting local churches to see if their youth groups or volunteers would be willing to assist and so far the response he has gotten has been positive.
- Additions/Changes:** Tabled Items 1 and 2 under Unfinished Business until all Board Members have completed their review.
Remove Item 6 under New Business.
- Correspondence:** Genesee District Library – 2014 Annual Report
Jeanine Smith, Assessor Candidate
- Public Comment:** Larry Clever, Burnham & Flower Insurance Group, 315 S. Kalamazoo Mall, Kalamazoo, MI. Clever explained his firm represents the Michigan Township Participating Plan which is the insurance company of choice by the Townships in the State of Michigan, with more than 900 getting their coverage through the PAR Plan. Clever explained that Burnham & Flower previously provided Vienna Township the PAR plan and asked for the Boards consideration to allow Burnham and Flower to quote the upcoming renewal.
Kathy Sabin, 12517 Webster Road, stated her brother was a volunteer at the Senior Center for ten years and was recently mistreated by the bingo caller. Sabin explained that she informed the Director and felt she did not care.
Mary Weaver, 5506 Duffield Road, Flushing, stated she was the one to call Jeff into the bingo hall to speak to him and witnessed the bingo caller being rude to him. Weaver stated she felt volunteers should be better prepared to deal with those types of situations.
- Unfinished Business:**
1. Proposed Ordinance, Noxious Weeds/Tall Grass – First Reading. Tabled
 2. Proposed Ordinance, Garage Sale/Rummage Sale – First Reading. Tabled
 3. Building Official Contract Extension. Moved by Rizk, seconded by Thomas to extend the contract for the Building Official to December 31, 2015.
- ROLL CALL: Yeas – Bryan, Cain, Lemieux, Belill, Thomas, Rizk
Nays – None Motion carried

4. Senior Center Director Contract Extension. Moved by Rizk, seconded by Bryan to extend the contract for the Senior Center Director to December 31, 2015.
ROLL CALL: Yeas – Cain, Lemieux, Belill, Thomas, Rizk, Bryan
Nays – None Motion carried

All in favor

New Business:

1. Authorization of 2015 Operating Millage, Resolution 09-21-15-13. Moved by Bryan, seconded by Cain to adopt resolution 09-21-15-13.
ROLL CALL: Yeas – Lemieux, Belill, Thomas, Rizk, Bryan, Cain
Nays – None Motion carried
2. Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive, October 9th – 11th. Moved by Cain, seconded by Belill to approve the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive for October 9th – 11th. All in favor
3. Hidden Oaks Holdings, LLC. Rizk stated the Board received a letter from Paul Clark asking for consideration for sewer and water tap ins to be issued at a reduction in the standard rate. Rizk explained that the standard rate is \$2,200.00 and Clark was requesting that they be reduced to \$1,100.00 per unit. Moved by Rizk, seconded by Cain to approve the reduction in the standard sewer and water tap in fees to \$1,100 for Hidden Oaks Holdings LLC in Hidden Oaks Condominiums for 25 units. Belill questioned at what point the Board says yes to Clark and no to others. Rizk stated he felt the investment in the underdeveloped area warranted the reduction and that each individual request would be considered.
ROLL CALL: Yeas – Thomas, Rizk, Cain, Lemieux
Nays – Belill, Bryan Motion carried
4. Assessing Services Agreement. Rizk stated the Board had an agreement that was agreed upon by the committee for the 2016 assessing year with a start day of September 22, 2015. Moved by Rizk, seconded by Cain to accept the contract with Landmark Appraisal to start on September 22, 2015 and with the amendment under 9.9 confidentiality to add except where provided by law.
ROLL CALL: Yeas – Thomas, Rizk, Bryan, Cain, Lemieux, Belill
Nays – None Motion carried
5. BDA Board Appointment. Moved by Rizk, seconded by Cain to appoint Kerry Paulson as the new BDA Board Member. Rizk stated the Board member must live in the BDA District and Paulson meets this requirement. All in favor
6. Elf Khurafeh Grant, Resolution 09-21-15-14. Removed from the agenda.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: Bryan stated bids were received for the Senior Lighting Project and the pricing came back extremely favorable for Vienna. Bryan explained the surplus of funds could be reallocated to the Neff Road Paving Project.
Cain stated the State Revenue Sharing check was received in September in the amount of \$172,706 which is up \$2,500 from a year ago.

Moved to adjourn at 5:54 PM

Cynthia J. Bryan
Clerk

CERTIFICATION:
STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF GENESEE

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 21st day of September, 2015.

Joseph A. Rizk
Supervisor

Cynthia J. Bryan
Clerk