



PARK TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

February 8, 2018

ART 1. CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Hunsburger called to order the regular meeting of the Park Township Board held on February 8, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Park Township Office, 52-152nd Ave., Holland, MI 49424.

Present were Supervisor Gerald Hunsburger, Clerk Skip Keeter, Treasurer Jan Steggerda and Trustees Dan DeLeeuw, Jim Gerard and George Jacob and Manager Howard Fink and Attorney Dan Martin.

Absent with notice – Trustee Nestel

ART 2. INVOCATION - Steggerda

ART 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ART 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Additions to or Deletions from Agenda)

Hunsburger moved item 9a up to item 6b and requested to add item 8g Historic Ottawa Beach Society Banner

MOTION MADE; MOTION SUPPORTED; MOTION CARRIED: A motion was made by Keeter and supported by Jacob to approve the agenda as amended. (6-0)

ART 5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- a Approval of Minutes: January 11, 2018
- b Payment of Bills

MOTION MADE; MOTION SUPPORTED; MOTION CARRIED: A motion was made by Gerard and supported by Keeter to approve the consent agenda. (6-0)

ART 6. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a Hunsburger opened the public comment period:
 - 1 person spoke at the public comment period.
- Hunsburger closed the public comment period.

b Community/Board Communication

Gerard read a statement he requested be added to the minutes.

MOTION MADE; MOTION SUPPORTED; MOTION CARRIED: A motion was made by Jacob and supported by Steggerda to accept a statement submitted by Mr. Gerard regarding community and Board communication into the official minutes. (6-0)

ART 7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- a Fire Department – no questions were asked of Chief Gamby
- b Sheriff's Office- no questions were asked of Sgt. VanderPloeg
- c Park Township Public Airport – no questions were asked of Doug Formsma
- d Ottawa County Fairgrounds – no questions were asked of Nikki Arendshorst.
- e Finance – no questions were asked from the Board regarding finance
- f Building and Zoning – no questions from the Board were asked regarding building and zoning
- g Recreation – no questions were asked of the Recreation Director

ART. 8 ACTION ITEMS

- a. Reappointment – Phil Koning to Holland Hospital Board

MOTION MADE; MOTION SUPPORTED; MOTION CARRIED: A motion was made by DeLeeuw and supported by Jacob to reappoint Phil Koning to the Holland Hospital Board to a 3 year term set to expire in February 2021. (6-0)

- b. Resolution for Water Asset Management Plan
Fink stated the plan is a recommendation from the State of Michigan.

MOTION MADE; MOTION SUPPORTED; MOTION CARRIED: A motion was made by Keeter and supported by Steggerda to approve the Water Asset Management Plan as presented. (6-0)

- c. Winstrom Park Tennis Court Bid Proposal

MOTION MADE; MOTION SUPPORTED; MOTION CARRIED: A motion was made by Jacob and supported by Gerard to approve rebidding the Winstrom Park Tennis Court construction through our contractor MC Smith with a not to exceed cost of \$118,752 which is an estimate for replacement. (6-0)

- d. Approval of Keppel Forest Bid
Fink reintroduced the item removed from the agenda last month. He stated with the savings from the base bid being under the cost estimates, the Township is able to add two new trails to the park that were bid as alternates.

MOTION MADE; MOTION SUPPORTED; MOTION CARRIED: A motion was made by Keeter and supported by Steggerda to approve the bid for

Keppel Forest with a base bid of \$179,996 including alternate #1 at \$12,611 and alternate #2 of \$22,622 subject to legal approval. (6-0)

e. Historic Hangar roof Quote

MOTION MADE; MOTION SUPPORTED; MOTION CARRIED: A motion was made by Steggerda and supported by Keeter to approve the reroofing of the Historic Hangar with a not to exceed amount of \$11,000. (6-0)

f. Fire Department Obsolete Surplus Equipment

Fink and Chief Gamby described the equipment the fire department has as surplus.

MOTION MADE; MOTION SUPPORTED; MOTION CARRIED: A motion was made by Keeter and supported by Jacob to declare the 2003 Laudau Jon Boat and motor, the 2011 Xerox WorkCenter 6400 printer and the 1994 Pierce Dash Pumper as obsolete. (6-0)

Proceeds from the surplus sale will go back into the fund out of which the equipment was originally purchased.

g. Historic Ottawa Beach Society Banner

The Board asked Fink to provide more information regarding this item and bring it back to the Board next month.

ART. 9 DISCUSSION ITEMS – moved to item 6b
~~a. – Community/Board communication~~

ART. 10 MANAGER'S REPORT
Fink gave a brief report of the items he is working on in the Manager's office.

ART. 11 PUBLIC COMMENT
Hunsburger opened the public comment period:
1 person spoke at the public comment period.
Hunsburger closed the public comment period.

ART. 12 BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE/AGENCY REPORTS
Board members reviewed the committee meetings they attended.

ART. 13 ADJOURN
MOTION MADE; MOTION SUPPORTED; MOTION CARRIED: A motion was made by Steggerda and supported by Keeter to adjourn at 7:43pm. (6-0)

Respectfully Submitted by Clerk Skip Keeter

Daniele Dykens
Recording Secretary

This board has served for just over one year. As a board, we have accomplished numerous things. We have had our challenges as well. In this day and age, there will be continued challenges to face. Over this year, we have heard from the public regarding decisions that have been made and have yet to be made. Most are very passionate and are presented in a way that promotes civil discourse to achieve the best solution.

Tonight, I am reading this response to a recent e-mail that was received by the board. I am responding to this because it presents half truths as fact which is ultimately false.

The recent e-mail was in response to how the manager's salary was determined. Allow me to enlighten how the process unfolded. Each board member evaluated the manager. A committee of the board met and discussed the salary for the manager based on the ratings that had been submitted. The committee also looked at data regarding the salaries for other managers in similar townships.

Discussion within the committee occurred regarding what the salary should be. This was not determined by one person as the e-mail implies. The ratings given by the board members was not the only information used to determine the salary increase. Once the committee had a proposal, this was presented to the full board (minus one member who was sick) at the next township meeting. This was presented as a recommendation, as a motion. Given the data on salary, I recommended a higher increase at the meeting. The salary was voted on by the board and passed (please refer to the minutes). To imply that it was determined by one person is a false statement. The discussion at the township meeting explained how the salary was determined (once again, please refer to the minutes). The increase was given because we have a manager that works very hard and is very good at what he does. Salary is how you retain effective people. The e-mail also accuses the board of covering up information because the value of the benefits was not mentioned. The salary was the only thing discussed because that is what we were talking about. The total compensation is a matter of public record. Anyone can look at that. There was nothing dishonest about what was determined (once again

please refer to the minutes). To imply otherwise is false.

Public response is important in a community. Communication to the board is how the board understands the needs of the community. The community has a responsibility to communicate to the board. The board has a responsibility to serve the community. Comments are appreciated. Questions are desired and critique is expected. However, when comment and critique are twisted from the truth to serve some hidden agenda and borders on defamation, when the board is impugned by falsities, the community is not served. The board deserves better than this. Park Township deserves better than this. I ask that we work together as a community to continue to achieve the success this community has enjoyed for so many years. The previous boards have served us well. Let this board serve you well also. Thank you.

Trustee James Gerard

2/8/2018