

March 12, 2015

The regular meeting of the Cohoctah Township Board was called to order at 8:00 pm with the pledge to the flag. Present: Fosdick, Buckner, Thurner, Bock, Meek, Z.A. Thomas, and 7 citizens.

Agenda: Motion by Thurner, support by Bock to approve agenda with the following addition under New Business - J. Newsletter. Motion carried.

Minutes: Motion by Thurner, support by Buckner to approve February regular Twp. Brd. minutes as presented. Motion carried.

February Budget Hearing minutes: Motion by Thurner, support by Bock to accept Budget Hearing minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Motion by Thurner, support by Buckner to receive report as presented. Motion carried. Copy placed on file.

Fire Authority - Supervisor will obtain the 2012 Fire Code from Chief Pless for reviewing the proposed changes to the current adopted Fire Code. Budget for Fire Authority should be ready next month. Leave on agenda.

Rd Commission - Motion by Buckner, support by Thurner to accept the MBH Chloride quote at .0169/gallon for summer 2015 applications, and to authorize the Clerk to pay the invoices within 10 days to receive 1% discount. Motion carried. 2015 summer road projects have been determined as follows: Rehabilitate the remaining portion of Oak Grove Road approximately 6200 lineal feet and 24 feet wide; prepwork for limestone on Allen Road from Byron to Oak Grove Road 6800 ft.; prepwork for limestone on Lovejoy Road from Oak Grove Road to Killin Road. Leave on agenda.

Hall - Gravel for parking lot, one quote received, not acceptable, looking at alternatives. Leave on agenda

Cemetery - Leave on agenda.

Parks and Recreation - 4-H contract expires, Park Manager and Clerk to attend March 4-H Horse Leaders meeting to negotiate new contract. Leave on agenda.

2014/2015 Last Quarter Budget Review - Motion by Thurner, support by Meek to move \$120.00 from contingencies to Assessing/Reappraisal. Motion carried. Motion by Bock, support by Thurner to move \$100.00 from contingencies to Building and Grounds/telephone. Motion carried.

Officials Salary/Wages - Motion by Thurner, support by Buckner to increase the Treasurer and Clerk salary by \$1,000.00 to \$18,500.00, no other increases made. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

Fees - Motion by Bock, support by Thurner to adopt the new Fee Schedule as presented. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried. Increases are as follows: grave sights full, \$400.00 for residents, \$800.00 for non residents; infant \$150.00 for residents, \$300.00 for non residents; cremains-2 urns each, \$125.00 for residents, \$250.00 for non residents; Burial costs full \$500.00, infant \$200.00, cremains \$150.00; headstone foundations \$.50 per square inch (add 2" around), government marker setting fee \$30.00.

Motion by Bock, support by Thurner to accept Alchin's proposal for trash service as presented, which remains unchanged from previous contract at \$3.00/week, for 3 years. Motion carried.

Motion by Thurner, support by Buckner to accept R & E Enterprises proposal to mow Sanford and Boutell cemeteries as needed at a cost of \$995.00/month, April through September. Motion carried.

Motion by Bock, support by Thurner to accept Carter's Cemetery Preservation propopsal of \$10,010.00 for headstone repair. Motion carried.

Motion by Thurner, support by Buckner to adopt the 2015/2016 General Fund Budget as presented, \$1,238,680.00 Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Thurner, support by Bock to adopt the 2015/2016 Road Fund budget as presented, Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Thurner, support by Buckner to adopt the 2015/2016 Capital Improvement Fund budget as presented. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

Fire Authority Budget and New Fire Code information is under Old Business A. Howell Fire Authority.

Public Inspection of Records - Motion by Thurner, support by Bock to adopt the State of Michigan Department of Treasury Policy and Procedure for the Public Inspection and Copying of Public Records in Lieu of Customary Business Hours for the Assessing Department. Motion carried.

AED Recertification - Supervisor to coordinate. Leave on agenda.

Cohoctah/Deerfield Boundry - The boundry line had been questioned in early 2008 with Cohoctah being notified by Livingston County G.I.S. that the boundry appeared to be incorrect, then a letter sent to Deerfield Township from Cohoctah Township to correct the situation. Deerfield Township responded negatively to transferring those properties, and Cohoctah removed the issue from the agenda. The boundry was again questioned by the State Bureau of Elections in early 2015 due to an issue with voter registrations, with the State taking the stand that factual evidence exists to verify that those properties belong in Cohoctah Township, and no Annexation of Properties from one township to another had occurred, therefore the voters were assigned to Cohoctah Township. The Cohoctah Township Assessor will file a Petition of Omission of collection of taxes to the State in an effort to begin correction of the situation.

Newsletter - To go out 3rd week in May.

Reports - ZBA none; Planning Commission report given by Buckner.

Violations/Complaints - 2015-001, 5310 W Allen Road, Zoning Administrator will send a letter notifying the property owner that their Land Use Permit has expired. To be discussed again in April.

Expenditures - Presented, listed at end of minutes. Motion by Thurner, support by Buckner to approve expenditures as presented. Motion carried.

Call to public - Linten, concerning tree removal in front of Sanford Cemetery.

Meeting adjourned, 9:20 p.m. Next meeting date April 9th, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda L Meek
Cohoctah Township Clerk

EXPENDITURES - MARCH 2015

US POSTMASTER	\$	98.00
ASSESSOR	\$	2,416.67
FRED BUCKNER	\$	75.88
AT&T	\$	301.93
FREEDOMNET	\$	44.95
HIDDEN LAKE WIRELESS	\$	135.00
ALCHINS	\$	6,045.00
CONSUMERS	\$	615.46
BLIGHT PROPANE	\$	362.74
AMERIGAS	\$	290.85
MICHIGAN.COM	\$	975.00
LIVINGSTON DAILY	\$	45.00
MIKE KEHOE	\$	427.50
CYBERMIND	\$	29.95
MUNICIPAL CODE CORP	\$	1,108.24
LIV CO GIS	\$	255.00
MASTER MEDIA	\$	178.95
PSI	\$	225.49
MI. ASSOC. CEMETERIES	\$	35.00
T BOCK	\$	77.95
A MEEK	\$	55.20
M FOSDICK	\$	68.25

B MEEK	\$	19.99	
S DIETZ	\$	25.30	
T THOMAS	\$	4.60	
SUB TOTAL	\$	13,917.90	
T BOCK	\$	1,494.42	
A MEEK	\$	84.57	
T CLAPP	\$	-	\$ 241.45
T THOMAS	\$	118.94	
J ARMSTRONG	\$	254.90	
C BARTON	\$	-	\$ 369.56
K PENDYGRAFT	\$	66.07	
J ROSAN	\$	79.28	
S WIGGINS	\$	344.54	
J BONINE	\$	74.89	
C COULTER	\$	-	\$ 256.23
A PARAVENTI	\$	57.27	
R BEACH	\$	475.74	
D BLAINEY	\$	416.29	
P CHARETTE	\$	345.34	
M TOUHEY	\$	342.50	
R WINES	\$	-	\$ 128.11
F BUCKNER	\$	1,297.68	
W THURNER	\$	-	\$ 827.82
M FOSDICK	\$	1,223.81	
D GRAHAM	\$	146.22	
S DIETZ	\$	232.62	
B MEEK	\$	1,333.40	
NATIONWIDE	\$	2,544.73	
W/H	\$	1,230.22	
BENEPAY	\$	42.70	
SUB TOTAL	\$	12,206.13	
TOTAL GENERAL FND	\$	26,124.03	
ROAD FUND	\$	3,750.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	29,874.03	

