



**Regular Board Minutes
November 12, 2018 – 7:30 p.m.**

Meeting call to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supv. Brian Moore, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

In attendance: Brian Moore, Richard Hitchingham, Judy Wheelock, Keith Moore, Penny Nelson

Motion by R. Hitchingham, 2nd by K. Moore to add Jared Litwiler, assessor to the agenda and to approve the agenda with the addition. Carried.

Motion by J. Wheelock, 2nd by K. Moore to approve minutes of October 8, 2018 meeting. Carried.

Treasurer's report. R. Hitchingham reviewed last month's operating statement, balance sheet and Healy Lake Campground financial statement to date. Distributed last winter's newsletter that will be included in the tax bill to be reviewed for additions or corrections by the board, if needed. **Motion by K. Moore, 2nd by J. Wheelock to pay all bills presented using checks #7832 through 7856. Carried.**

Officers and committee reports:

- a. Cleon Fire Department, represented by Cpt. Saunders reported activities during October. Visited Betsie Valley Elementary for fire prevention week. Year end dinner December 14 at the Griner Sugar Shack on Read Rd. Extended an invitation to the board to attend.
- b. Assessor, Jared Litwiler explained the need to have a resolution waiving the collection of penalties or fines for the non-filing or late filing of property transfer affidavits. **Resolution offered by R. Hitchingham, 2nd by P. Nelson to approve the waiver of fines for the non-filing or late filing of property transfer affidavits. Resolution adopted by all of the board present.**
- c. Blight/Junk Ordinance report – Rich Nelson explained that township attorney, Tom Grier prepared him for the Leroy Johnson/Wells Rd informal hearing at 85th District Court, resulting in favorable ruling for the township, requiring Johnson to clean up within 21 days, and with a fine of \$200. He asked for the board's guidance and approval for the next step before proceeding: would the Township pay for the cost of the cleanup and placing lien on property. Also issued a civil infraction citation on November 8 to James Spayed on Kurick Rd. Court date is pending. Board recommended obtaining 2-3 bids from excavating companies for clean up work. Concern expressed that contractor have liability insurance to cover any damage done. **Motion by B. Moore, 2nd by K. Moore to obtain bids for clean up of Johnson property and to bring to next meeting for a decision. Carried.**
- d. Caretaker – Tom Lipinski reported on activities last month. Water has been shut off at the campground. Extensive stump grinding has been cleaned up. Damaged gate was repaired for \$50 rather than Apple Fence's bid of \$450. DNR forester, Patrick, wants to place large rocks on the west side of Healy Lake to block the two vehicle access points. Access roads are getting torn up with erosion flowing into the lake. Would allow walk in access only.

- Outhouses only ¼ full; need to have them pumped at the beginning of the season. Discussion about the recycling container being abused. Tom to get a campground gate key to Dick.
- e. Betsie Valley Library. D. Hitchingham reviewed the library's many activities. Will have a volunteer monthly to assist anyone needing help with GED test prep, tutoring, etc.

Correspondence and communications – Township Focus, Country Line and website design ad.

Public comments. Ed Bianco spoke representing his daughter and her husband regarding their home on Betsie River saying that they are getting harassment about the work being done. At the request of a resident, P. Nelson said that she called various agencies to verify that appropriate permits were obtained. He is looking into legal action if it continues.

New business. None.

Brief board comments. R. Hitchingham asked that the road subject be placed on next month's agenda. P. Nelson: November 8th election went smoothly and passed the board of canvassers perfectly.

Adjournment at 8:45 p.m.