

Napoleon Township Regular Board Meeting
January 13, 2009, 6755 Brooklyn Rd

Call To Order 7:00pm by Supervisor Butler with members Wymer, Stetler, Lammers and Horsch present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda: MOTION by Horsch, seconded by Stetler to approve the agenda with the addition of 2009 Tax Collection Charges for Schools and the addition of Investment Authority Transfer Forms. All Ayes.

Consent Agenda: MOTION by Wymer, seconded by Stetler to approve the December 18 Regular Board minutes, the December 23 Special Board minutes, Payment of Claims: GOF= \$62,145.46 and Restricted= \$33,677.12, Investment Report October & November & December. All Ayes.

Public Comment: None

Investment Authority Transfer Forms: Treasurer Stetler presented two documents for township board approval from Comerica Bank related to handling of surplus township funds. MOTION by Lammers, seconded by Horsch to approve the Resolution for Political Subdivision Comerica Bank and the Comerica Bank Declaration for Entering Wire Transfer Agreements and Designation of Authorized Agents. Roll Call: Ayes; Butler, Stetler, Wymer, Lammers, Horsch.

2009 Tax Collection Charges for Schools: Treasurer Stetler reported that agreements to charge schools for collection of 2009 taxes are up for renewal, and that the per parcel charge in the prior year was ISD \$1.30, Napoleon \$1.30, JCC \$1.05 and Jackson Public \$1.05. MOTION by Wymer, seconded by Stetler that the charge by the township per parcel to collect 2009 taxes be the same for ISD, Napoleon, JCC, and Jackson Public, and that the amount be \$1.30 per parcel. Roll Call: Ayes; Stetler, Butler, Wymer, Horsch, Lammers.

Department Reports;

Fire: The monthly fire report and 2008 annual fire reports were presented by Chief Hawley. One hydrant was flushed in December requiring about two hours to complete and with water slow to drain away due to frozen ground. The water appeared cleaner to Chief Hawley afterwards at his residence but there has been no feedback yet from other residents. Chief Hawley presented the 2009 Mutual Aid Agreement Between Fire Departments for approval. Chief Hawley and Clerk Wymer were both of the opinion that wording in the agreement does not obligate Napoleon to provide mutual aid to a fire department that is not capable of performing mutual aid in return. MOTION by Lammers, seconded by Horsch to approve township signing of the Mutual Aid Agreement Between Fire Departments. Roll Call: Ayes; Wymer, Butler, Stetler, Lammers and Horsch.

Police: The monthly Police report was presented by Chief Curry.

Zoning: MOTION by Wymer, seconded by Stetler to approve Napoleon Township Ordinance #75 An Ordinance regulating the installation and use of Outdoor Wood-Fired Hydronic Heaters. Roll Call: Ayes; Horsch, Lammers, Butler, Wymer, Stetler.

Building: The monthly building report was reviewed.

Assessing: The monthly assessing report was reviewed.

Zoning Board of Appeals: At the December 10 meeting a setback variance was approved for 10790 Cady Road.

Planning Commission: The terms of current Planning Commission members Bob Hirschman and Ken Gage expired at the end of December. Both are willing to continue serving. MOTION by Lammers, seconded by Wymer to reappoint Bob Hirschman and Ken Gage to the Planning Commission for another 3 year term. All Ayes. Motion by Horsch seconded by Lammers to approve a conditional use permit for a dog kennel at 10790 Cady Road as recommended by the Planning Commission and in connection with a setback variance already approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals. Roll Call: Ayes; Wymer, Stetler, Butler, Lammers, Horsch.

Health Care CBPP03: Clerk Wymer gave an update on an employee meeting at which township insurance agent Lori Zajac of JFP Benefit Management presented information and answered employee questions.

Township Flag: A draft township flag design that won a design competition some years ago was discussed. Chief Curry explained that he had obtained quotes for completing the flag at that time but the cost was too high. Trustee Horsch volunteered to check into current costs and what help might be available for completing the flag.

County Commission Report: Commissioner Duckham reported he is now a member of the county addressing committee and that he will not support unreasonable address changes such as renaming Main Steets. The Community Action Agency has funding available to insulate 240 low income homes in Jackson County. Residents interested in applying for the insulation grants should call 784-4800.

Updates;

Recreation-Safe Route to School: No update.

Economic Development Committee: Supervisor Butler continues to represent the Township.

Website Design: Clerk Wymer reported that the new township website went live as planned and is now in continuous improvement mode.

Computer Upgrades: Clerk Wymer reported that the new Document Center is up and running in the township office. The custom form capability of the equipment is being used to create a new Cemetery Lot Deed document.

Senior Meals: Senior lunches will no longer be served at the township hall on Wednesdays due to the low turnout of seniors on Wednesdays.

New Official Workshop: Trustee Horsch reported that the workshop he attended was very helpful.

Public Comment: None

Adjourn 7:55pm on MOTION by Lammers seconded Horsch.


Dan Wymer, Clerk


Denise Butler, Supervisor