

Aloha Township
Regular Meeting
January 12, 2009

Board Members Present

Brenda Chimner
Barb Hall
Charles Veneros
Steve Crusoe
Larry Charboneau

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Supervisor Brenda Chimner. Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Information Reports (7:05 PM)

Dawn Barr, Library Representative – Reported that the Library has been nominated for an award by the American Institute of Architects. Comparison between what they had to work with and what they have now.

Mary Talaske from the County Humane Society brought all present up to speed on the need for a bigger and more modern building. Facts brought out – Building is 35 years old, Obtained a bequest from the Spies Estate of around \$90,000, existing building is not energy efficient, hard to maintain, cold and drafty, ventilation bad. Need to have a training area to teach/talk to school classes. Also need area for adoptable pets and people to interact. They are in process of getting drawing. Just getting started. Looking at a cost of around \$400,000. May be able to obtain adjoining property from Scholl Board for no cost. Hopefully can double current size.

Public Comment (7:20 PM) – Brief discussion around Long Lake Road and how rough it is. Charles Veneros handed out information on project costs for road and estimate on what it would cost to pave. Brief discussion on gravel.

Minutes/Financial (7:35 PM) - Motion by Larry Charboneau, supported by Barb Hall, to approve the minutes and financial report. MOTION CARRIED at 7:36 PM. Checks approved General Fund 5761 thru 5781, Cemetery Fund 1051 thru 1053.

Correspondence (7:38 PM)

Received and filed for the month.

Old Business (7:40 PM)

Road Issues- Charles Veneros briefly touched on major projects for roads, such as paving of US27 from Lincoln Street to US 23 and rumble strips. Mike Donovan is now Chairman of the Board for the Road Commission. Meetings of Townships/City will be attended by at least one road commissioner.

Board of Review – Motion by Steve Crusoe, supported by Larry Charboneau, to approve Clayton Cannis for the Board of Review for next two years. Motion Carried.

Motion by Steve Crusoe, supported by Larry Charboneau, to approve Fabian LaVigne for the Board of Review for next two years. Motion Carried

Motion by Steve Crusoe, supported by Larry Charboneau, to approve Joseph Barr for the Board of Review for next two years. Motion Carried

Motion by Steve Crusoe, supported by Larry Charboneau, to approve Ken Purdom for alternate to the Board of Review for next two years. Motion Carried

Motion by Steve Crusoe, supported by Larry Charboneau, to approve Ruth Bell for alternate to the Board of Review for next two years. Motion Carried

Aloha Historical Society – Tabled until March Meeting as head of Society is out of town. Larry Charboneau to follow up on.

Alverno Fire – Supervisor Chimner informed all that the Alverno Fire Department is in the process of buying another truck from CSI. By placing order now can save thousands. Informed by Clerk Barb Hall that Grant will finally be taking over the books after Aloha has done for eight years. She explained that part of the agreement with the other two Townships is that each Township will do books for four years.

Oak Hill Cemetery – Clerk Barb Hall gave short report. This is a work in progress, by laws are being retyped, guidelines for Maintenance worker and sexton will be worked on. Cemetery Board of one representative from each Township(Benton, Aloha, Mullett, and Grant) plus the clerk is being established. More later.

New Business (8:05 PM)

Local MTA Meeting – January 22nd at Inverness Hall

Assessor Contract – Brief discussion and will be looked at by all. To be brought back for next month.

ORV Ordinance- County wants to adopt ORV Ordinance that would cover all the County. Information sent to every Township/City with maps. ORV ordinance from 1988 covers all County Roads as open. County wants Townships to highlight open/close roads. Meeting set for Jan 21st. Discussion followed. MOTION by Charles Veneros, supported by Brenda Chimner, to table until February meeting. MOTION CARRIED

Property Issues – VanDuren Property concern brought up. Supervisor Chimner to check with them on cleanup and bring back. Clerk Barb Hall informed board on McKeough Land Company that has big area on Long Lake. Of 29 parcels 15 are sold and the remainder has gone back to Fifth Third Bank. Company is closing.

Library Representative – Discussion held around Library Rep position and compensation. At this time only pay mileage, discussion around paying so much per month. Motion by Brenda Chimner to pay \$80 per month plus mileage for each meeting. More discussion followed and motion died for lack of support. Concern on volunteer versus appointed. Bring back for next month.

Boundary and Annexation Survey – Given to Supervisor to complete.

Commissioner Leonard Page gave report on numerous issues. County is asking for people to serve on Boards/Commissions. Veterans CBOC should be running late this year. Looking for area now. Humane Society looking at new facility. Fairgrounds looking to do vintage snowmobile race. Insurance is an issue. New Drain Commissioner Office one day a week in County Building. Also concern on ORV ordinance around age limit. Supervisor to attend Jan 21st meeting.

Trustee Larry Charboneau, thanked Township for the new official training that he attended. Also stated that at the Historical Society Christmas party there were 30 people who attended.

Motion to adjourn by Steve Crusoe, supported by Charles Veneros. Adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Barbara Hall, Clerk