

CAMBRIDGE TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 12, 2014

The meeting was called to order by the supervisor at 7:12 P.M. with the pledge to the flag, following the budget public hearing.

Roll call showed the following board members present: Hawkins, Richardson, Johncox, Gentner, Garrison.

Dale Zorn, candidate for the Michigan State Senate-17<sup>th</sup> district seat, spoke to the board and the audience.

Motion by Garrison, supported by Gentner to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2014 regular meeting and the February 17, 2014 special meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Richardson, supported by Gentner to approve the treasurer's report as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Johncox, supported by Garrison to approve payment of bills as follows: \$10,336.85 in bills paid since the last meeting and \$32,061.76 in current month bills. Motion carried unanimously.

The monthly police report was given by Chief Wibbeler. Motion by Richardson, supported by Johncox to approve. Motion carried unanimously. Chief Wibbeler also updated the board on a proposed agreement with Community Mental Health regarding a jail diversion program involving the police agencies in the county.

The monthly fire report was given by Chief Damon. Motion by Johncox, supported by Gentner to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

The monthly zoning report was reviewed by the supervisor. Motion by Johncox, supported by Richardson to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence was noted and county commissioner Jack Branch gave a report on county business.

Motion by Johncox, supported by Gentner to adopt the 2014-15 budget resolution and general appropriations act as follows: General Fund-\$1,099,749; Fire Fund-\$439,975; Police Fund-\$406,950. Roll call vote: ayes-Johncox, Richardson, Hawkins, Gentner, Garrison; nays-none. Budget resolution adopted.

Motion by Garrison, supported by Gentner to adopt Ordinance #14-01 for changes to the Cemetery Ordinance (#85-3) regarding opening/closing fees and foundation fees. Roll call vote: ayes-Garrison, Gentner, Hawkins, Richardson, Johncox; nays-none. Ordinance #14-01 declared adopted.

Motion by Richardson, supported by Johncox to advertise for sale the John Deere Z850A lawn tractor with a minimum bid of \$3,500, with bids to be opened at the April township board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The proposed project to buy/convert the Mill in Onsted for use as a public safety building was discussed at length. After receiving a bid of \$1,500,000 for the construction based on the plans drawn up by Dailey Engineering, the building committee had submitted the plans to another contractor for an estimate. That estimate came in at \$635,000, with an estimate of an additional \$100,000 in expenses not covered by the bid. There was considerable discussion, pro and con, of the merits of proceeding with the project. Based on the fact that the board's original purchase offer contained a contingency of not exceeding \$500,000 in construction costs, a motion was made by Garrison and supported by Gentner to retract all previous dealings with Groeb's and the Mill project unless/until something new develops. Roll call vote: ayes-Garrison, Gentner, Johncox; nays-Hawkins, Richardson. Motion carried 3-yes, 2-no.

Public comment was received. Motion by Johncox, supported by Richardson to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick W. Richardson, Clerk