

CAMBRIDGE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MARCH 9, 2016

In the absence of the supervisor, the meeting was called to order by the clerk at 7:00 P.M.

Motion by Richardson, supported by Johncox to appoint Bill Gentner as temporary chairman for the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll call showed the following: present-Richardson, Johncox, Gentner, Garrison; absent-Hawkins.

Dispatch Director Dave Aungst and 9-1-1 board member Doug Lerch were present to provide information and show a short video on the needs of the 9-1-1 dispatch center and the ballot proposal to increase the telephone surcharge fee to provide funds for the needed upgrades. Questions from the audience were answered by the two gentlemen.

Motion by Johncox, supported by Garrison to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2016 regular meeting and the February 15, 2016 budget work session. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Richardson, supported by Garrison to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Treasurer Johncox reported that the township had collected 96% of the tax levy by the February 29, 2016 deadline.

Motion by Richardson, supported by Gentner to approve the P.O. request of the police department for \$115 for membership in the M.A.C.P. for Deputy Chief Paterson. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Garrison, supported by Johncox to approve payment of bills as follows: \$8,647.31 in bills paid since the last meeting and \$29,657.16 in current month bills. Motion carried unanimously.

The monthly police report was given by Chief Wibbeler. Motion by Gentner, supported by Garrison to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

The monthly fire report was given by Asst. Chief Armstrong. Motion by Johncox, supported by Richardson to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

The monthly zoning report was reviewed by Gentner. Motion by Johncox, supported by Garrison to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Under correspondence, Garrison read a social media post from a resident saying how appreciative she was of our police department after seeing the response to an alarm at the bank.

Old Business

Motion by Richardson, supported by Johncox to approve the contract with Restorative Lake Sciences for the 2016 weed treatment program in Wamplers Lake, that was tabled last month to await language correction in the contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Garrison, supported by Gentner to have the township take over maintenance, including lawn mowing, of the Elm Court lot at Wamplers Lake, to install some type of structure to define the boundary of the lot, and to designate a person/firm responsible for the maintenance of same. Motion carried 3-yes, 1-no.

New Business

Motion by Gentner, supported by Richardson to approve the zoning ordinance amendments that relate to child care/day care facilities in residential and commercial districts, with the language as recommended by the township attorney. Roll call vote: ayes-Garrison, Johncox, Richardson, Gentner; nays-none; absent-Hawkins. Amendments adopted.

Motion by Richardson, supported by Garrison to approve the conditional use permit application of Timothy Burns to allow the operation of a day care facility in the old schoolhouse at the corner of US-12 and Person Highway, with the three conditions that were imposed by the planning commission relating to: parking lot lighting, driveway access and the number of children to be enrolled. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Garrison, supported by Richardson to approve the conditional use permit application of Verizon Wireless for the installation of a 150-ft. monopole style cell phone tower at US-12 and Brix Highway as recommended by and with the same conditions as imposed by the planning commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Richardson, supported by Johncox to adopt resolution recognizing the Irish Hills Historical Society as a non-profit organization in the community so that they may conduct raffles as a fund raiser for the Irish Hills Towers. Roll call vote: ayes-Richardson, Johncox, Garrison, Gentner; nays-none; absent-Hawkins. Resolution declared adopted.

Motion by Johncox, supported by Gentner to adopt the budget resolution and appropriations act for the 2016-17 budgets of the various township funds. Roll call vote: ayes-Johncox, Richardson, Gentner, Garrison; nays-none; absent-Hawkins. Resolution declared adopted.

Gentner raised the issue of increasing the salary of the fire chief due to the increased hours being worked by the chief and other demands of the job. Gentner also explained that the increase would not impact the budget. Motion by Richardson, supported by Johncox to increase the salary of the fire chief to \$30,000 per year. The position would still remain a part time position with no benefits. Considerable discussion followed, with Garrison being adamantly opposed to the increase. Garrison requested a roll call vote which was as follows: ayes-Richardson, Johncox, Gentner; nays-Garrison; absent-Hawkins. Motion carried.

Motion by Garrison, supported by Gentner to approve the auditing contract with Phillip Rubley for three years as follows: 2016-\$4,900; 2017-\$4,950; 2018-\$5,050. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Gentner, supported by Johncox to approve the road sign maintenance agreement with the Lenawee Co. Road Commission and the Stonehedge Condominium Association. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Garrison, supported by Johncox to adopt resolution approving a Canada Goose roundup in Loch Erin for a five year period. Roll call vote: ayes-Garrison, Gentner, Richardson, Johncox; nays-none; absent-Hawkins. Resolution declared adopted.

Motion by Garrison, supported by Richardson to appoint Roger Johncox to the zoning board of appeals for a three-year term expiring 12/31/18. Motion carried unanimously.

Public comment was received.

Motion by Richardson, supported by Johncox to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:57 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick W. Richardson, Clerk