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VERMONTVILLE TOWNSHIP
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The Vermontville Township Board met in regular session on Thursday, October 30, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Opera House.

Present: R Lavery, J Owens, B Moore, J Nehmer and S Stewart. Public present: Dorothy McDougal, Mary Fisher, Sheri Reynolds, Mike Hosey, Shirley Harmon, Marcia Grant, Joe and Virginia Harvey, Larry Stevens, Carla Rumsey, Dean Monroe, Sandy Ponsetto, Deputy Al Sidel, Kay Marsh, Blair Miller, Monte O'Dell, Dan Sowles, Duane and Kim Eldred, Rita Miller, Janet Valdick and Michael Atayan.

Supervisor Lavery called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Nehmer, support by Owens to approve agenda with the addition of Larry Stevens. All ayes. Carried.

Deputy Al Sidel, Eaton County Sheriff's Dept, reported there were 44 calls for service during September and 37 calls for service so far in October.

Monte O'Dell, Fire Chief gave the fire report. (attached)

Dan Sowles, Ambulance Director, reported EMS covered four varsity and 2 junior varsity football games. Dennis Rodeman is taking a leave of absence from Fire/EMS as he has taken a full time position with the Lansing Fire Department. Tracy StJohn has been contacted to possibly fill vacancies on the EMS schedule due to Rodeman leaving. Ann Trask is currently taking the EMT class in Charlotte. In regards to two individuals that were sent to EMT training at Township expense, one is no longer eligible to state test due to the fact the two year time limit for testing has lapsed, and the other has been contacted by Sowles concerning a refresher prior to taking the state exam but has not replied. Sowles stated the two should not be on Township payroll; they are not usable by the department. There are questions concerning the future of Nashville Amb Service is their millage does not pass. Sowles stated it will have an impact on Vermontville Township as they are our ALS backup. Sowles contacted a grant writer regarding an ambulance grant but no one has received a response. Vermontville EMS is transporting 6 out of 15 calls; we are not taking in enough revenue. He reported on ALS progress for Vermontville Township. One possibility is to partner with Charlotte ambulance, or possibly Nashville ambulance and run a paramedic unit from Vermontville.

Lavery read Jeff Winan's monthly report. (attached)

Larry Stevens, Kalamo resident, was present to ask the Board for their support for his vie for Road Commissioner position. Laverty stated he would write a letter Stevens could take to his interview.

Michael Atayan of Delta Township was present to ask Board support for his bid as County Drain Commissioner.

Mike Hosey, County Commissioner District 1, asked for Board support in his bid for reelection. He offered to help the Board if they decided to apply for a Parks Grant.

Duane Eldred reported the EC Road Commission received the FEMA Grant they applied for to repair storm damaged roads. Repairs are underway.

Motion by Laverty, support by Owens to approve the consent agenda. All ayes. Carried.

Stewart relayed the correspondence. There are several seminars being offered for newly elected officials. She reported it is a busy time with the election a few days away but feels confident things are under control.

Nehmer asked if the Board was required to re-do the Poverty Exemption, as guidelines have changed. Laverty will check.

It was reported Jane McCloud is physically checking some reassessed parcels for accuracy. The state will issue us an "all clear" when all requirements of the reassessment have been satisfied.

Nehmer recommended sending letters to the Fire and Ambulance Board concerning two people who were sent to EMT school; one not meeting the exam deadline and no longer eligible to test and the other who is very close to meeting the deadline for testing.

Nehmer reported the county will now be charging twenty four cents per parcel to print our tax bills. That will result in an expense of \$304.80 twice per year. Cost to the assessor will be \$190.00. The cost for tax roll books will be \$10.00 per book. BS&A is charging \$5,745.00 for two programs (treasurer & assessor) and \$1,165.00 for annual support.

Nehmer stated she and Stewart will begin working on the 2010 census soon after the election.

Motion by Stewart, support by Owens to allow Nehmer to reinvest a fire CD on November 12 at the bank with the best interest. All ayes. Carried.

Carla Rumsey gave the library board report.

Moore reported work on the Opera House bell tower is complete.

Laverty read Bill Reynold's report regarding work The Revue has completed on the Opera House.

Due to a lack of quorum, the F&A Board did not meet to discuss the Open Burn Ordinance.

Motion by Owens, support by Moore to move to the library for closed session to discuss Library Fund issues as recommended by the township attorney. All ayes. Carried. Board moved to closed session at 8:15 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 9:16 p.m.

Motion by Stewart, support by Nehmer to approve the recommendation made by the Attorney in the letter discussed in closed session. Lavery called for a roll call vote: Nehmer, aye; Stewart, aye; Lavery, no; Moore, no; Owens, no. Motion failed.

Lavery reported we will continue to follow the present procedure. There was some discussion noted by the auditors.

Shirley Harmon suggested a special meeting be called with the auditors, Township Board and Library Board.

Moore reported there will be a potluck dinner and swearing-in on Thursday, November 13 at 6:00 p.m. at the Opera House. All Vermontville Township residents are invited.

Due to Thanksgiving being the last Thursday of November, the November Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 25th.

During public comment, Carla Rumsey stood and gave her opinion on the Library Fund issue.

Blair Miller questioned the vote of the board. Lavery stated there would be no comment.

Motion by Lavery, support by Owens to adjourn. All ayes. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Sharon Stewart
Vermontville Township Clerk