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VERMONTVILLE TOWNSHIP
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The Vermontville Township Board met in regular session on Tuesday, December 29, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Opera House.

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

Present: J Owens, B Moore, B Miller, J Nehmer and S Stewart.

Pledge to the flag.

Motion by Nehmer, support by Miller to approve the agenda. All ayes. Carried.

Deputy Peacock, EC Sheriff's Dept, reported there were 36 calls for service between November 24 and December 18, 2009. He, also, gave a report on the capacity of the new jail.

Steve Pifer gave the Fire Department report. Nehmer questioned the PR runs to Kalamo Township; Pifer said to check with Chief O'Dell.

Dan Sowles, Ambulance Director, reported there were seven calls for service during the month. Monthly training included OB emergencies and airway reactions. They have been getting the ambulance ready for an inspection and had a water pump repaired. He reported on ALS charges from Hayes Green Beach and stated one individual who attended EMT school has exceed the time limit to take her state exam; therefore, she will no longer be allowed to go on fire or ambulance calls and will not be on the payroll. He will send her a letter to that effect and stated the township should send her a letter and request reimbursement for the cost of EMT school as she signed a contract stating she would repay the township should she not complete her license.

Virginia Harvey asked for a break down on the Opera House receipts on the treasurer's report. Nehmer stated \$625.00 was business rental and \$300.00 was resident rental. Marcia Grant asked for copies of the treasurer's report and Nehmer replied they were available on line the week of each meeting. Joe Harvey stated a lift assist charge should be considered an ambulance call; not fire.

Motion by Stewart, support by Moore to approve the consent agenda items with the addition of \$22,780.92 to Fire Fund for C&R Fire Equipment and \$3,850.00 to Ambulance Fund for Hayes Green Beach. All ayes. Carried.

Correspondence was read.

Motion by Owens, support by Nehmer to send the three Board of Review members and Owens to the 2010 Board of Review Training at a cost of \$70.00 per person. All ayes. Carried. Owens will contact the Board of Review members for dates they are available to attend.

Nehmer read a letter received from Lorraine Miller concerning the attorney's fee for the Tax Tribunal involving the Village of Vermontville.

Owens reported there were three residents that attended the December Board of Review and 15-18 calls prior to the meeting. Johnny Miller's CUP was approved at the County Board of Commissioner's meeting and he thanked Carla Rumsey for her efforts in obtaining a \$25,000.00 grant for the library.

Nehmer asked if the new building permits in the township were completed and on the tax roll. Miller asked how far along the assessor was with the 20% assessments required for this year.

Moore reported the F&A Committee received a hardship letter concerning a grass fire in the township. It was the recommendation of the committee to charge the resident one half the cost (\$250.00) and set up payments with them, if necessary. Motion by Nehmer, support by Miller to accept the recommendation. All ayes. Carried.

Moore reported the F&A Committee will be putting together thoughts and ideas for a possible fire authority and will provide copies to the board when they establish some kind of direction.

Miller asked about election of officers and terms of office for the F&A Committee. Moore replied they just received the guidelines from the board, so now they will be able to work on that.

Clerks report and Treasurer's report. Shirley Harmon gave the library report.

Moore reported the furnaces were serviced and the air conditioners will need to be serviced this summer.

Owens gave a report on recommendations for remodeling for offices and suggested setting aside \$10,000.00 for the project from excess funds budgeted for the Opera House roof. He stated there will be a lot of volunteer work going into the office project. Shirley Harmon, Village Clerk, stated the township will need a referral from the village and permits from the county but because the building is grandfathered in, the new zoning ordinances will not be a problem.

Nehmer suggested because there is a survey of the property, some type of fence be constructed between the office and property to the east.

Motion by Owens to move forward with office plans, get bids and set aside \$10,000.00 for the project, support by Moore. Nehmer asked if the \$10,000.00 would be from this year's or next year's budget. Owens stated this year; out of the Opera House roof money. Miller stated he thought bids should be gotten first. 4 ayes, 1 nay (Miller). Carried.

Owens asked about the handicapped ramp options. Nehmer stated before she could go to Mark Schauer's office about a grant, she would have to have a price. Stewart suggested checking with Amy Laverty to see if the drawings she did a few years ago could be used. Miller stated he met with someone from the State Historical Commission and got ideas from him for a ramp. Miller and Stewart will meet with Jeff Seavolt, MV Building Trades teacher, and go over plans.

Text Amendments were received from Eaton County Community Development for board approval. Motion by Owens, support by Moore to approve Text Amendment DCA 1-10-1 and 1-10-2. All ayes. Carried.

It was recommended any information, needing board approval, be sent to all board members as soon as it is received. Dean Monroe stated all such information is printed in two local Charlotte papers.

Joe Harvey asked about doing a survey to ask township residents if they would like to form a fire authority. Joyce Rathburn asked the board to consider sticking to local bids for the office job. Virginia Harvey said the new state mileage reimbursement is \$.55 per mile.

Owens stated in regards to the letter concerning the tax tribunal, as supervisor he has the right to hire an attorney. The issue was not an assessor's issue, but a back taxes issue; therefore, he felt it was necessary to hire the attorney.

Motion by Stewart, support by Moore to adjourn. All ayes. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Sharon Stewart
Vermontville Township Clerk