

<p style="text-align: center;">PENTWATER TOWNSHIP BOARD PENTWATER COMMUNITY HALL 327 S. HANCOCK STREET, PENTWATER, MI 49449</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Regular Meeting of Wednesday, May 8, 2019</p>	
<p>Supervisor Spitler called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM</p> <p>Members Present: Spitler, Johnson, Flynn and Siska.</p> <p>Members Absent: Ruggles</p> <p>Staff Present: Lisa McKinney, Deputy Supervisor</p> <p>Others Present: Six audience members.</p>	<p>DRAFT MINUTES</p> <p>CALL TO ORDER</p> <p>ROLL CALL</p>
<p>Supervisor Spitler presented the consent agenda.</p> <p>Moved by Johnson and seconded by Siska to accept the consent agenda as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prior Meeting Minutes • Correspondence • Financial Reports ending April 30 • Township, Cemetery and Fire Department Bills for the period April 11 – May 8 as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee/Commission Reports (Library, Fire Department) <p>Voice vote. Motion carried.</p>	<p>CONSENT AGENDA</p> <p>Review & Action</p>
<p>Supervisor Spitler presented the Regular Meeting agenda and amended the same indicating going into Closed Session to discuss the potential sale of real estate.</p> <p>Moved by Johnson and seconded by Flynn to accept the Regular Meeting agenda as amended. Voice vote. Motion carried.</p>	<p>AGENDA</p> <p>Review & Action</p>
<p>None</p>	<p>PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS</p>
<p>Mr. Spitler referred to the closure of Longbridge Road. Water began encroaching on the paved shoulder on April 29th. On April 30th, the Road Commission posted a 5-ton weight limit. When water crossed the centerline, the road was closed and three types of barricades and barrel were placed on May 1st. Because motorists removed the barricades, the Road Commission installed an orange snow fence.</p>	<p>SUPERVISOR'S REPORT</p>

<p>Once again, on May 5th, the barrels and barricades were removed, and the snow fence was cut. On Monday, May 6th, Robert Lothschultz, Bridge Engineer from Scott Civil Engineering evaluated the road and recommended leaving it closed. He stated that if traffic is allowed to drive on the road, it will destroy it. The center of the road is only 6 inches higher than the water.</p> <p>Mr. Lothschultz is preparing an estimate to reconstruct the road with grout pilings to prevent settling. If the water goes down and deemed solid enough to drive on, Longbridge Road will be reopened.</p> <p>The County Road Commission will continue publishing updates on the condition of the road to its website and Facebook page. People may bicycle along the road.</p> <p>With respect to the study of the Community Hall Building, a draft of preliminary findings is available; however, the final report will not be available until Friday, May 10, 2019.</p> <p>With respect to a soccer field, he will have a couple of proposals for the Board's consideration soon.</p> <p>Ms. McKinney said before going through the RFP process with respect to township-wide curbside trash pickup, a mailing will be sent out to residents to get their feedback. She will be going out next week with the National Honor's Society to place flags at the veterans' gravesites for the Memorial Day holiday.</p>	<p>DEPUTY SUPERVISOR'S REPORT</p>
<p>The Clerk's report was received and placed on file.</p>	<p>CLERK'S REPORT</p>
<p>The Treasurer's report was received and placed on file.</p>	<p>TREASURER'S REPORT</p>
<p>The Zoning Administrator's Report was received and placed on file.</p> <p>There was no Assessor Report.</p> <p>The Cemetery Sexton's Report was received and placed on file. Mr. Spitler added that the sprinkler system is up and running.</p> <p>There was no Transfer Station Report. However, Mr. Spitler stated that the chips are being taken care of and the trees are being moved. The leaves/brush pile will be taken care of twice per month by Hallack Excavating. Ken Adams will gravel/grading of the road twice per month.</p>	<p>STAFF REPORTS – Zoning Administrator, Assessor, and Transfer Site Attendant</p>

<p>A lawn mower and weed whacker have been purchased for use at the Transfer Station and along Longbridge Road.</p> <p>The very large sign in front of the Township will be removed this week and utilized at the Transfer Station.</p>	
<p>None</p>	<p>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</p>
<p>Moved by Siska and seconded by Johnson to authorize the expenditure of \$1,000 as the Township’s share of the cost of a Community Assessment Plan. Pentwater Village and Pentwater Public School will also each contribute \$1,000.</p> <p>Roll call vote: Siska, yes; Johnson, yes; Flynn, yes; Spitler, yes; and, Ruggles absent. Motion carried.</p>	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>Review & Action -Joint Community Assessment</p>
<p>Mr. Spitler stated that he received a request from Thunder Bay Tree Service of Alpena that the annual commercial permit fee be waived in full or in part. He was working with Consumers Energy and brought six loads of trees/brush to the Transfer Station site as he had been told he could do so without charge. He will no longer be bringing anything to the Transfer Station.</p> <p>Moved by Siska and seconded by Spitler to approve a one-time reduction in the Annual Transfer Station Commercial Permit Fee charged to Thunder Bay Tree Service of Alpena from \$500 to \$250.</p> <p>Roll call vote: Siska, yes; Spitler, yes; Flynn, yes; Johnson, yes; and, Ruggles, absent. Motion carried.</p>	<p>Review & Action - Request to Waive All or a Portion of the Commercial Permit Fee</p>
<p>Moved by Spitler and seconded by Flynn to amend the 2018/2019 Cemetery Budget of \$135,147 by transferring \$100.00 from 704.000 Ass’t Grnds to 714.000 Fringes.</p> <p>Roll call vote: Spitler, yes; Flynn, yes; Siska, yes; Johnson, yes; and, Ruggles, absent. Motion carried.</p>	<p>Review & Action – Cemetery Budget Amendment</p>
<p>Moved by Spitler and seconded by Flynn to waive our first right of refusal to all parcels that were foreclosed on due to delinquent real property taxes for the 2016 tax year.</p> <p>Roll call vote: Spitler, yes; Flynn, yes; Johnson, yes; Siska, yes; and, Ruggles, absent. Motion carried.</p>	<p>Review & Action – Foreclosed Properties in Pentwater Township</p>
<p>Ron Beeber of Pentwater suggested that the Army Corp of Engineers be contacted to see if they can help in the short term with</p>	<p>PUBLIC COMMENT</p>

<p>Longbridge Road.</p> <p>Amy LaBarge voiced her concerns about Longbridge Road as well as the additional time it will take for emergency responders.</p> <p>Glenn Beavis of Pentwater recommended that an RFP be the first step to determining the validity of township wide trash service. The RFP should also include both trash and recycling.</p> <p>Mr. Beavis expressed his concern about downed and/or damaged trees on private property along Monroe Road. They are a real eyesore and it is a community issue. There seems to be some interest among the private property owners to get this taken care of if the township can provide some assistance as well.</p> <p>Lastly, Mr. Beavis asked that the township lead efforts to apply for a Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget rural technology grant for highspeed/fiber optic service at Madison Ridge as well as other areas of the township. ACD Corporation typically does commercial ventures but put together a cost proposal of \$389,000 for Madison Ridge which, of course, is not economically viable for the 30 or so households.</p> <p>Gigi Mitchell and Karina Sias, property owners in Duna Vista, voiced their concerns about the ongoing building/boundary disputes in the subdivision. No agreement among the affected property owners has yet occurred. Mr. Spittler said that the Township’s attorney indicated that he was willing to meet with the property owners in an effort to facilitate some type of agreement among those affected. He said to contact the Zoning Administrator to set up a meeting with the Township’s attorney.</p> <p>Sheriff Mast said that last year Longbridge Road was rated 8 out of 10. Its deterioration had been fairly rapid over the winter. There has been a spree of break-ins in Oceana County. Two new deputies were hired – one is a replacement employee and the other is the ORV Summer Deputy who works in Golden Township as it is funded by Golden Township and the State Park.</p>	
<p>Moved by Siska and seconded by Johnson to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:12 p.m. to go into Closed Session to discuss the potential sale of real estate owned by Pentwater Township. Voice vote. Motion carried.</p>	<p>CLOSED SESSION</p>

Moved by Johnson and seconded by Siska to reconvene the Regular Meeting at 7:20 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.	RECONVENE OPEN SESSION
Moved by Siska and seconded by Spitler to authorize the Supervisor to negotiate the potential sale of real estate located in Pythian Park Addition to Pythian Park Subdivision. The purchaser will also be responsible for any closing costs/filing fees. Roll call vote: Siska, yes; Spitler, yes; Johnson, yes; Flynn, yes; and Ruggles, absent. Motion carried.	SALE OF REAL ESTATE
None	OTHER ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS
Moved by Spitler and seconded by Flynn to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous consent.	ADJOURNMENT
_____ Sue Ann Johnson, Township Clerk	_____ Date

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