

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

The minutes of the regular township board meeting held August 9, 2005, at the Jefferson Township Hall, Osseo, Michigan. Approved _____
Approved as corrected 9-13-2005

The regular meeting of the Jefferson Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor, Steve Wismar, at 7:30 P.M., August 9, 2005.

The Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of the township board members:

Present: Wismar, Lockwood, Schrom, and S. Keiser

Absent: B. Keiser

Approval of agenda: added: review of APEX computer system for the tax program.
Alpine Drive, letter from Hidds building inspector.

Approval of minutes: added: Hillsdale County Commissioner after Brad Densmore's
Name
The sheriff's department
Repairs on the township hall

L. Schrom moved to approve the amended agenda. J. Lockwood seconded motion. The motion carried.

Visiting speakers:

George Gier, Hillsdale County Road Commissioner, reported that the shoulders on Skuse Road are not completed. Paver, patch and seal on Bear Lake Road will be completed shortly.

Brad Densmore, Hillsdale County Commissioner, stated they are working on policies that never existed. He reported that the computer system at the sheriff's office went down and has been repaired. There have been some problems with the Veterans Affairs. Debbie Williams is the new Veterans Administrator. The security system for the Hillsdale County Court House and the Hillsdale Annex is going to be put in and will be used for another 20 to 30 years. The commissioners may asks for a ½ to ¾ temporary increase to finance an elevator for the court house. Alan Ringenberg, engineer and Hillsdale County Commissioner, is looking over the elevator plan again.

Announcements & Correspondence

No July Board of Review was held. This was excused as we have a new assessor, Terrie Ellis, beginning July 1, 2005. The next board of review will be held December 13, 2005.

PJFD firefighter, Andy McOscar, suffered a mild heart attack while fighting a fire on Rumsey Road,

E-Mail received regarding the lake ordinances.

G. Hibbs letter requesting a second letter from our lawyer, K. Shirk, regarding questions purposed by Mr. Raymond of the Bird Lake Public walkway and their concern of the access.

A notice of violation of an unsafe structure at 6933 Alpine Drive, Osseo, Mi. from the Hillsdale County Inspection Department signed by Marty Taylor, the Building Official, was received. It stated several areas in violation and stated that occupancy must discontinue immediately.

Public Comments: none

Officer & Committee Reports:

Steve Wismar, Jefferson Township Supervisor, reported the old store at Cole Drive is all gone except for the foundation. He stated that there is a very serious on going problem on Lake Drive and Shady Lane with continuous burning. There also has been multiple complaints of junk getting worse on the Otis Cole residence on Bird Lake Road. There has been no progress made in attempts to talk with them. An option was suggested to clean up for them and add the expense to their taxes. Steve Wismar, Supervisor, is now on the 911 board and his first meeting will be on August 10, 2005. Les Moose, Fire Board Chairman, and Steve Wismar attended the last Wheatland Township board meeting. The Wheatland Township amended the contract to include the fire runs only.

S. Keiser and D. Penney worked on the August 2, 2005 election. Very poor turn out.

The treasurer, J. Lockwood, had no report.

Terrie Ellis, the new assessor, reported that she had done one land split and was getting organized with lots of filing to do.

Bill Piippo, cemetery sexton, working on his BS & A cemetery computer program. Ron Wright gave his progress on repairs he is doing on the Jefferson Townhall. Some are: painted baseboards, repaired vent in furnace room, caulked windows, replaced screen in fresh air intake, lock on North front window, down spouts, and numerous other repairs.

L. Schrom moved to approve \$155.00 for Dave Gier to attend the September 14, 2005 OSHA's law meeting being held in Harrison, MI. Seconded by S. Keiser. Motion carried. Dave Gier, Sanitary Sewer Manager, is leaving Saturday for vacation and his son will cover and what his son is unable to do, Rick will cover for him.

Susan Ruder, Pittsford Librarian, absent, but faxed a list of new books available.

Recess of 15 minutes taken.

Pending Business:

The Jefferson Township Hall roof ventilation was checked by Ron Wright. He reported that the heat loss thru the ceiling is horrendous and we need to stop the air flow of the heat. He suggested two options: tape the seams, re-staple, tape the butt joints and patch any holes in the existing Kraft vapor barrier or staple a plastic film or foil vapor barrier continuously on the bottom of the truss chords. The furnace room ceiling could be replaced with dry wall for a safety measure.

The transfer station driveway asphalt is mostly done on the main line and the approach. Specifications are not being met, work is less than satisfactory, and should be corrected. The State has final approval of the approach.

New Business:

MTA and Litchfield Township to be contacted for suggestions to create a policy for the PJFD billing policy.

There may be an opening for a new blight officer as Steve Wismar, blight officer, feels he doesn't have enough time to spend on this job. A letter from anyone interested in being the blight officer is required. Hallis Gray and Ron Wright seemed interested..

The Xerox machine contract is up in 2006. As the machine was just repaired, no trade-in seems necessary at this time.

A lengthy discussion on the Bear Lake Road from Doty Road to Lake Pleasant Road addendum for additional tree and large culvert pushing the cost to \$48,525.00. Our original agreement approved on May 5, 2005 was \$35,775.00. It was agreed to write a letter to the Hillsdale County Road stating that the two additional costs for the Bear Lake Road improvements are needed; the culvert at the Lake Pleasant drain and the additional tree removal, however, we would like to limit our expenditures to the original \$35,775.00.

To sell the old computer there will be sealed bids. This is to be advised in the September 2005 newsletter.

APEX program for assessor discussed.

The Jefferson Township is lacking up to date drawings for residents to examine. APEX would provide this. The cost for the assessor to purchase this program directly from APEX would be \$525.00. Nick Wheeler, Hillsdale County Equalization Director, could save the township \$100.00 if we bought the program from him. \$100.00 for the first year for support and maintenance, \$195.00 for the following years. J. Lockwood moved that we purchase the APEX program for \$425.00 from Nick Wheeler. S. Keiser seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Wismar, yes; Lockwood, yes; Schrom, yes; S. Keiser, yes; B. Keiser, absent. Motion carried.

Public Comment: none

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.