

Hillsdale Township
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
held on Tuesday July 13, 2004
at 7:00 PM at 2985 W. Bacon Road
Hillsdale, Michigan 49242

Board members present: Vincent, Sullivan, Freese, Sanford, Campbell. Call to order by Vincent at 7:00. Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests: Nic Wheeler, Charles McKeown, Terry Vear, Gordy Harmon, Bret Hutchins, Tom Evans, Betty Keeling, Duane Keeling, Allan Weibel, Pamela Allion, Jerry Spieth, Linda Spieth, Kelly Lantis, Keith Brown.

Keith Brown, representing Congressman Nick Smith's Office, presented Bill Vincent and Marv Campbell with a certificate and flags that flew over the capital commending their long years of service to the township.

Terry Vear, Hillsdale Senior Center, spoke encouraging all to vote for the senior millage renewal.

Township candidates spoke concerning their respective offices: Bill Vincent and Duane Keeling spoke concerning their bid for Supervisor—Adam Ladd was not present; Joe Sanford and Kelly Lantis spoke concerning their bid for Treasurer; Marv Campbell and Tom Evans were introduced as the sole Trustee Candidates; and Jackie Sullivan is running for Clerk unopposed.

Bret Hutchins spoke concerning his candidacy for County Road Commission.

Sullivan read note from Gateway Campground attorney Stephen Winter concerning inventory of the campground. Jim Marks will decide what the township's next step is.

Sullivan read request from SBC/Ameritech for approval of its Metro Act application. Board consented to application.

Sullivan delivered information to Bailey and Hodshire for fiscal year audit.

Vincent will contact Al Ringenberg to get a copy of the cemetery map so Chuck McKeown can digitize it for the township cemetery program.

Minutes of the Board meeting held on June 8, 2004 were accepted as read. Minutes of the Planning Commission Meeting held on June 21, 2004 were noted. Vincent will attend next Planning Commission Meeting to keep them abreast of zoning violations.

MOTION PASSED to pay the bills of the township. Freese/Sanford.

The board ratified sexton Gordy Harmon's contract, changing it to a 10-month term beginning July 1, 2004 so as to be in line with the fiscal year end.

Vincent spoke of Jeff Dillon's property on Ferndale Drive. Dillon said he will clean up the property within the week. If not done, Vincent will send out a letter and begin the legal process. Vincent will call attorney Jim Marks on how to proceed in cleaning up Paula Schwartz's property. Chad Hanning's property on Hallett is being cleaned-up, and Vincent will send a certified letter to Gordon Wilkinson concerning his vertical race car on Hallett.

Vincent will contact Brand Construction concerning blinds for the windows and a final occupancy permit. He will also contact the Fire Marshall and G & G Glass to change the door entrance to the new addition and take care of the fire exit signs.

Chuck McKeown presented the revenue sharing agreement from the County Commissioner's concerning mapping and assessing information. After some questions and answers, the board agreed the agreement is a good thing, but they would like it to be revised for an annual review. Nic Wheeler will bring up the contract revision at the August Commissioner meeting.

Linda Spieth asked about a joint access road near her home on South Drive. According to the board, the road was never truly established and Spieth could contact an attorney concerning property rights.

Sullivan to contact local internet providers to find comparison pricing for Township Hall contract.

MOTION PASSED to allow Betty Keeling to have a monthly assessor meeting at the Township Hall. Keeling needs to apprise Sullivan of dates.

MOTION PASSED for Sullivan to spend \$500 for desk set-up for hall addition. Freese/Sanford.

MOTION PASSED to adjourn the meeting at 10:14 p.m. Sullivan/Sanford.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacquelyn A. Sullivan, Clerk

Date adopted: _____, Initials _____