



ACME TOWNSHIP SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
ACME TOWNSHIP HALL
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690
Tuesday, October 22, 2013, 7:00 p.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AT 7:00 p.m.

Members present: C. Dye, A. Jenema, G. LaPointe, D. White, J. Zollinger
Members excused: P. Scott, C. Collett
Staff present: N. Edwardson, Recording Secretary

A. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT: None

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Dye seconded by LaPointe to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

C. INQUIRY AS TO CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: None noted

D. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Motion by LaPointe, seconded by Jenema to approve the consent calendar as presented. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

1. ACTION – Consider approval:

- a. Accounts Payable Prepaid of \$2,553.68 and Current to be approved of \$134,844.47 (Recommend approval: Dye)**

E. New Business:

1. Treasurer’s report: Status and review of where we are Fund account – Collett

Zollinger began the meeting by reading a memo from Collett. She stated that she unfortunately had a personal situation which will cause her not to be able to attend this meeting. The email containing the memo was delivered to the Board around three this afternoon. Copies of the Treasurer’s August 2013 report were available at the meeting.

Zollinger said it was unfortunate that the Treasurer was not present.. Zollinger stated that over all the Board has fiduciary responsible for the funds in the township. He said he had looked over the report and without the treasurer present to answer questions and provide feedback he believed he could not comment on it. He asked the Board if they had any comments.

LaPointe said in the past with previous Boards he has been blunt and critical when he felt something was incorrect he often made statements to that effect. He felt the handling of the Farmland and Shoreline accounts by the previous Treasurer were wrong. LaPointe said he would also be critical of this Board even though he holds a seat. He said the Trustees only responsibility is fiduciary and to act solely on the financial behalf of the township.

He said at the October meeting the Treasurer asked that her report be pulled as she had made small changes to the format for better understanding. Collett explained the reason for the change was to improve the understanding of the report. An analysis of the report revealed that the balance in the 101 general fund in the August report showed a general fund balance of \$634,024 of which \$614,000 was assigned or committed leaving a \$20,000 balance in the uncommitted that could be used to pay outstanding bills. LaPointe pointed out that Scott asked if we were just looking at this the wrong way and Scott said that he thinks the report is wrong and that in 8 or 9 years of serving on the Board he has never seen this issue come up.

LaPointe has gone back and reviewed audit and treasurers reports and is baffled how we could have a balance of a million plus in July and in August drop down to less than \$670,000. He states that he is totally confused as to where we stand with fund balance. LaPointe then raises another area of concern regarding the Septage plant fund where monies are held in reserve. The Treasurer's report shows a ending balance on July 31, of \$339,000 and on August 1st, \$187,000, when the Treasurer was asked why she said "year end adjustments in June". LaPointe commented that one could not go back after the report is published to make changes. Transactions must be posted in the period that it was done, showing the monies moving. He believes the Board takes this situation very seriously at the last meeting to the point where we would call a special meeting, Possible dates were selected, emails were exchanged with Board members and the Treasurer responded that she had other commitments on those dates. What other commitment could possibly be more important LaPointe stated. Collett then emailed she would be out of the office for the next two weeks which she was. We have been waiting for three weeks for an explanation. LaPointe is livid with the way it was presented as "small changes". LaPointe is very concerned with the lack of professionalism of that position. LaPointe states he is going on record as being concerned with how this came about, how it was attempted to be shoved though and the lack of response from the Treasurer. Collett has on more than one occasion told LaPointe that she does not answer to him or anyone else. LaPointe will continue to pull the treasurer's report until he see answers.

Jenema said there has to be some accountability. She asked Dye if she got copies of the bank statement to at least confirm what we have in the bank account. Jenema understands there can be dips and then surges in government. She expressed concerns about having a working relationship between the clerk and the treasurer. Discussion followed.

Zollinger expressed again the need for the person who signs the Treasurer's report to be present. He is proposing that we table this along with the Treasurer's report until the November meeting.

Motion by Jenema, seconded by LaPointe to table the Treasurers report: Status and review until the November meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Zollinger, seconded by White to table the October 1, 2013, Treasurer's report until the November meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Township Board meeting minutes from 9/3/13

Zollinger noted the corrections in red to be approved.

Motion by Jenema, seconded by Dye to approve the 9/3/13 meeting minutes with the corrections has presented. Motion carried unanimously.

G. PUBLIC COMMENT & OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE BOARD:

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. on a motion by LaPointe with support from White.