



**ACME TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
ACME TOWNSHIP HALL  
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690  
Tuesday, September 3, 2013, 7:00 p.m.**

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

**Members present:** C. Collett, C. Dye, A. Jenema, G. LaPointe, P. Scott, D. White, J. Zollinger  
**Members excused:** None  
**Staff present:** J. Jocks, Township Counsel  
N. Edwardson, Recording Secretary

**A. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT:**

L. Griffith, 5181 Lautner Rd, expressed concern for the vegetation growth along the water from the MDOT park to Burger King. He said in 2-3 years one would not be able to walk out on the beach because of this.

**B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Zollinger asked to add two items to New Business, discussion of Septage Treatment Bonds, and Employee Health care, LaPointe would like an update of the status of the Bates Crossing/Immanuel LLC Escrow balance and bankruptcy litigation under Old Business, as well as Jenema asked for a website update and cemetery burial fees.

**Motion by LaPointe, support by White to approve the agenda as amended to include two new items under New Business and three under Old Business . Motion carried unanimously.**

**C. INQUIRY AS TO CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** None noted

**D. CONSENT CALENDAR: Motion by Jenema, support by Collett to approve the Consent Calendar as amended to remove the Clerk's Reports for further discussion, including:**

**1. RECEIVE AND FILE:**

- a. [Treasurer's Report](#) as of July 2013
- b. [Clerk's Report](#) as of July 2013
- c. Draft Unapproved Meeting Minutes:
  - 1. Planning Commission [08/19/13](#)
  - 2. Parks & Rec Advisory [08/22/13](#)
- d. [Parks and Maintenance Report](#) – Tom Henkel
- e. [The Metro Insider Newsletter](#) August 2013
- f. [Planning, Zoning & Administrative Activity Report](#)

**2. ACTION – Consider approval:**

- a. Township Board meeting minutes of [08/13/13](#)
- b. [Accounts Payable](#) of \$1894.01 and [Current](#) to be approved of \$58,048.98 (recommend approval: Dye)

**Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.**

**E. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- 1. [Clerk's report](#) LaPointe questioned why we paid taxes on the recently acquired Beach Club. Discussion followed.

**Motion by LaPointe, support by Scott to receive and file the Clerk's Report. Motion carried unanimously.**

**F. REPORTS:**

**1. Sheriff's Report – Deputy Ken Chubb:**

Zollinger introduced our new community police officer, Ken Chubb. Chubb has been with the Sheriff's department eleven years, three of those in narcotics. So far he has seen a lot of traffic and not so much service. Chubb has seen a lot of speeding on Holiday Road and will be patrolling that area more.

**2. County Commissioner's Report – Larry Inman:**

Inman stated that it is a challenging time from September to November as commissioners will be working on the budget.

**G. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS: None**

**H. CORRESPONDENCE:**

**1. GTRLC – Note on Deconstruction Recycled = 87.44%**

A memo showing the demolition services at the former Mt. Jack's restaurant, Sun & Sands and Beach Club was provided to the Board. We had 87.44% construction waste diverted/recycled. Zollinger also reported that the gate is up for use by Metro Fire.

**I. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**1. Metro Fire 2014 Budget - Parker**

Zollinger commented that following the budget timeline set up by Metro Fire tonight is the Public hearing and final approval by the townships. Discussion followed. Opened for Public comment at 7:42 pm. Closed at 7:43 pm. No comments made.

**Motion by Scott, seconded by Collett to approve Resolution R-2013-36, Establishing Emergency Services Special Assessment Levy for 2013. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 6 (Zollinger, Collett, Dye, Jenema, Scott, White) in favor and 1 (LaPointe) opposing.**

**J. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Septage Treatment Facility Project Bonds – Dean Bott**

Bott, County Finance Director, spoke that last year a resolution was proposed to the participating townships to issue bonds to finance the construction and improvements to the Water and Sewer system. Now the county would like to amend that resolution to cancel action to redeem the outstanding septage treatment facility project bonds, Series 2004 prior to maturity. An amendment to the previous resolution is being presented tonight but upon review Jocks is questioning some of the wording and would suggest that the Board not take action tonight. This item will be tabled to the October Board meeting.

**2. Parks & Rec Advisory Updates**

**a) Autumn Olive Discussion Yuba Park Natural area**

Timmins, Chair of the Parks & Rec advisory, feels that the autumn olive left unchecked will impede on the use of park lands. As is the case at Yuba Creek natural area, where there are 16 acres of densely packed autumn olive trees. Growth is also beginning down by the creek. Due to the invasive, rapid growth nature of autumn olive, along with the habit of choking out native species the Parks & Rec advisory made a motion to recommend that the Board approve a minimum of \$3,000.00 to begin treatment of autumn olive in Yuba Creek area. Discussion followed. LaPointe expressed that there was much more information on Autumn Olive that has not been explored and would encourage the Board to continue doing so.

**b) Phase III Shoreline Improvement planning**

The advisory's goal is to have the park master plan to the Board in October for public comment, a public hearing in November and submission to the State in December. Beckett & Raeder are working on finalizing the project and preparing budget costs based

on survey results and committee input. A motion was made at the last advisory meeting to recommend that Beckett & Raeder prepare a comprehensive site plan among other things with the schedule and fees being negotiated between the Board and Beckett & Raeder. Discussion continued.

**Motion by Jenema, seconded by LaPointe that the Parks & Rec advisory coordinate with Beckett & Raeder and the Conservancy to determine the best course of action for development of Phase I and II of the Shoreline and come back to the Board with a proposal of what will be done and the costs. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.**

The advisory also feels that the south end of Bayside Park needs to be surveyed and have a plan put in place so that it may be included in grant requests in 2014.

**Motion by LaPointe, seconded by Scott to move monies from the contingency fund to do a topography study and a rendering of the South park not to exceed \$6, 500.00 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.**

**3. Letter of Appreciation to the Tribe for Holiday Road**

Zollinger prepared a letter of appreciation to the Tribe for the recent road construction on Holiday Hills Road.

**Motion by Scott, seconded by White to send letter to the Tribe. Motion carried.**

**4. Acme DPW Budget for 2014**

Zollinger said this was information to be read over.

**5. Acme Township Health Care Plan**

Dye provided a memo stating our current health plan is coming up for renewal on January 1, 2014. It has been recommended by our representative, Sue Nelson, to change the renewal date to December 1, 2013, for several reasons one being the new health reform with many changes that are not clear. Nelson believes by changing to a December 1, 2013, renewal date we can lock into our current plan for a year not subject to the New Health Reform changes, this will give us time to see what the changes will be for 2014 and look at other policies. The change for the renewal date will include the vision and dental plans as all three policies must have same renewal date to conform to the new health reform changes.

**Motion by Jenema, seconded by Collett to change the renewal date to December 1, 2013. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.**

Collett, Jenema and Dye will review other policies and report back to the Board.

**L. OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Kane property update - Jocks**

Jocks said an estimate was received for \$500.00 to do another survey on the Kane property. Kane has agreed to pay half. We are waiting for that survey to be completed and then we will proceed.

**2. Bates Crossing/Immanuel LLC Escrow balance and bankruptcy litigation**

Jocks commented that the bankruptcy trustees had filed against the LLC. It was discovered that they had tried to retain assets that might otherwise have covered their debts prior to declaring bankruptcy by transferring them to other related corporate entities, and is seeking recovery of those assets. Jocks said that no property has been sold.

**3. Website update**

Zollinger said that staff was working with the website designers updating information.

**4. Cemetary Burial fees update**

Jenema asked for an update on the amendment to increase burial fees that was tabled from the August Board meeting. Dye reported that her Deputy Clerk was still looking into information and would report back as soon as all the information was collected.

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

Noelle Knopf, 3585 Lookout Point in East Bay Township, East Bay Township, very impressed with the Park & Rec advisory. She said they were moving forward and she was appreciative of that.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. on a motion by LaPointe with support from White.**