

December 3, 2012

-Supervisor Nancy Estola called the regular meeting of the Summit Township Board to order at 7:00 pm.

Members present: Supervisor Estola, Mary Samuels Clerk, Treasurer Mary Bedker, Trustees Duane Cooper and Terry Woirol. All members were present.

Motion by Samuels seconded by Cooper to approve the agenda as amended. Ayes all. Motion carried.

The minutes of the October 1, 2012 regular meeting and Special Meeting of October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 were approved as presented with a motion by Cooper and seconded by Woirol. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Communications were read from the State Tax Commission regarding a letter that was received from The Dow Chemical Company requesting revocation of water pollution control tax exemption certificate number 2-1801 filed by Dow Chemical Company, located at Summit Brine fields Modernization, Township of Summit, Mason County. A copy of the letter was also mailed to the township assessor Sam Barnett.

A letter was also received from Phil Arnold requesting that the sign on the beach at S Montgomery Blvd to outlaw dogs on the beach be fixed as it was defaced and also add curbs to stop vehicles from running into the dune. T Woirol has taken the sign down and is having it re painted. The curbs will be addressed next year.

Brief public comment was received from Al Bouda of Birch Harbor thanking Sheriff Jeff Fiers for all his efforts to provide good service to the township.

**Mason County Rural Fire Authority-No Report**

**Under Old Business the Following was Discussed:**

1. **Summit Park Repairs**-T Woirol had asked Ken Adams to prepare the area at Summit Park to place sod but he was not able to get it ready. The sod will be put on hold until next spring.
2. **Kibby Park**-Terry Woirol has pulled out the old signs and removed the trash cans for the winter season.
3. **Cemetery Ordinance**-There was some discussion on the draft copy of the ordinance that was given to all board members. A special meeting will be held on January 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm to work on the ordinance. The Board would like to thank Randy Wyman from the Wyman Funeral Home in Scottville for all the information he has provided the township while setting up the new cemetery and working on the ordinance

**Under New Business the Following was Discussed:**

1. **Sheriff Report**-There were 18 calls for service last month. This will be the last meeting as the Sheriff for Mr. Jeff Fiers. The board thanked him for all the service he has provided the township for the past 4 years. He will be missed.
2. **Commissioner's Report**-Working on filling board positions for the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Commission. Noted that the average age in Mason County is 47. Was approached by Sync Wave to do some testing with the County towers for 30 days to try to provide cell and internet service to some of the dead areas in the townships. Summit and Riverton Townships will be named in the Wind Coalition law suit regarding the accelerated depreciation scheduled for the wind towers. Huron County has voted to halt any wind tower construction in the county.

3. **Approval of Property Transfer per the Mason County Treasurer**-Motion by Samuels and seconded by Woirol to accept the property transfer from the Mason County Treasurer for property #53-014-218-039-00 Lots 39 & 40, Block 18, Bass Lake Park and to approve payment of the 2012 summer and winter property taxes. This property was foreclosed upon by the Mason County Treasurer due to non payment of property taxes and was not purchased at either of the two land auctions held to sell the property. The cost of the 2012 taxes will be \$195.62 Ayes all. Motion carried.
4. **Cemetery Construction Problems**-An error in design of the driveway around the cemetery was discovered prior to being paved. The engineer and paving company were asked to postpone paving until the issue could be resolved. They moved forward without the permission of the full board. The turn radius on all the curves is too short making it very difficult for a larger vehicle to make the turns easily. A letter will be drafted to Randers Engineering asking them how they will fix this issue. The majority of the board felt that they will have to make the change at no charge to the township.
5. **Alcohol use at the Town hall**-Motion by Samuels, seconded by Cooper to amend the Town hall rental agreement allowing alcohol to be consumed at the Town hall. Ayes all. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was given with a September 30, 2012 balance of \$570,107.53, disbursement of \$90,502.28, revenues of \$15,062.98 leaving a November 30, 2012 balance of \$494,668.23.

Cooper made a motion to pay the bills totaling \$90,502.28 for check numbers 8713 through 8755 inclusive. Seconded by Woirol Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Extended Public Comment**-Colleen Plummer questioned why the township was responsible to help pay attorney fees to stop personal property tax from being eliminated when it was a county decision to allow the construction of the wind towers in the first place. The township stands to loose lots of tax dollars if this happens. Plummer also suggested some of the board members attend the meetings discussing the County Master Plan.

There being no further business the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. with a Motion by Bedker and seconded by Woirol. Ayes all. Motion carried.



*Mary Samuels*  
Mary Samuels Summit Township Clerk