

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

Members present: Supervisor Wayne Kelly, Clerk Kay Deanda, Treasurer Mary Bedker, Trustee Duane Cooper and Trustee Ed Chase. Absent: None.

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

The minutes of the August 5, 2019 Regular meeting and Special meeting of August 14, 2019 regarding a conveyance resolution for Consumers Energy were approved as presented with a motion by Cooper seconded by Chase. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Communications:

1. **Sheriff Report** - There was a total of 14 calls for August and September combined, with 4 crashes in August and 2 crashes in September. On the 14th of this month Sheriff Cole and 82 other Michigan law enforcement officers will be meeting with Governor Whitmer to discuss the budget cuts that affect our local law enforcement patrols.
2. **Fire Chief Report** - 100 calls so far this year with only 3 of those calls in September. The Mason County Rural Fire Authority passed their 2020 budget. The Rural Fire Authority is now working on finding ways to repair and improve the various buildings that are being leased to house their equipment.
3. **Commissioners Report** – There will be a meeting on October 22nd at 6 PM to do a final draft of the Master Plan. The topics will cover solar farms, excess roads along the corridor from Ludington to Scottville, city wide internet service and affordable housing. The commissioners have agreed to cover the cost of some programs that have had funding cuts in the Governor's budget. There has been some land rezoning to add an assisted living business to the area.
4. **Communications** – Briefly reviewed the final March 2019 audit for Summit Township.

Public Comments:

Mary Thiele thanked everyone involved in educating the public about the appropriate care of the dunes in regards to the Bass Lake Outlet, and for the improvements on the same property made by Ed Chase. James McKeivitt would like to see the laws regarding Road Ends on Bass Lake be enforced.

Wendy Jonkers brought a letter sent to a resident that was signed by the Bass Lake Property Owners. She wants to make it clear that she as the chairperson for this group did not write or send this letter and never gave any one authority to send such a letter. Letter was concerning how docks are to be used legally in Bass Lake and was not signed with a name.

Under Old Business the following was discussed:

1. Parks and Maintenance

A. Summit Township Park - there is one more water test to take place this month.

Signage at Summit Township Park – Signed were added, compliments of the Mason County Health Dept., to the play area reminding people to not drink alcohol, smoke or vape in the area where children play. Also the commemorative Bortell plaque has been replaced.

B. Olmstead Turn-Around has been completed so the school bus can now safely turn around.

Under New Business the following was discussed:

1. Pentwater Township would like to use our recycling facility from November 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020 for the payment of 1 month of dumping (\$980.00). Motion was made by Chase and supported by Cooper. Ayes all. Motion carried.
 2. Census 2020 – please be aware of the importance of participating in this census since it determines how much funding the area gets from local, state and federal governments.
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Treasurer's report: was given with an August 31, 2019 balance of \$582,640.48, disbursement of \$70,845.92, revenues of \$83,265.36 leaving a September 30, 2019 balance of \$595,059.92.

— Cooper made a motion to pay the bills, check numbers 10481 to 10517 for \$41,073.54 and payroll, check numbers 15345-15358 for \$29,772.38 for a total of \$70,845. Seconded by Chase. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report: nothing to add

Supervisor's Report

1. Wayne completed a ride along with a Mason County Road Commission representative to determine what roads needed to be serviced in the next year. They are also looking at a 5 year plan.
2. Representatives from Riverton and Summit Townships will be meeting with Consumers Energy around October 22nd in Lansing to hear a proposal from Consumers Energy regarding the wind farm.
3. Township docks will be taken out around October 15th by Cottage Works.
4. Ragnar Race had no issues this year.
5. Wayne met with FEMA regarding the Flood Plan update which should be out soon on the FEMA website.
6. Water has been turned off at the Deren Rd. cemetery and will be turned off this week at the Hawley Rd. cemetery.

Extended Public Comment:

James McKeVitt made a comment regarding the algae developing on Bass Lake to a toxic level.
 Chris Dunn also presented his concern and would like to see all groups that are concerned with Bass Lake health to come together to figure out how to keep the public safe.
 Wendy Jonkers also added to the conversation on this topic.

There being no further business brought before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.



 Kay Deanda Summit Township Clerk