



THOMAS TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI 48609
February 6, 2017
7:00 o'clock p.m.

1. The Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Weise.
2. PRESENT: Weise, Weber, Ryder-Petre, Sommers, Thayer, Brosowski and Radewahn.

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Township Manager, Russ Taylor; Fire Chief, Mike Cousins; Director of Community Development, Dan Sika; Township; Parks and Recreation Director, John Corriveau; Assessor, Will Gast; Fiscal Services Director; Deidre Frolo; Deputy Clerk, Betsy Wietfeldt; DPW Director, Rick Hopper; Police Chief, Steve Kocsis; Township Attorney, Otto Brandt and 42 interested parties.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Motion was made by Brosowski, seconded by Thayer to approve the agenda as presented.

AGENDA
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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approval of Board Minutes January 4, 2016.
 - B. Approval of Expenditures.
 - C. Approve the amendments to the Administrative Policy Manual.
 - D. Approve the promotion of Probationary Fire Fighter Nathan Wachowicz to Fire Fighter.
6. Communications-Petitions-Citizen Comments
It is requested that you state your name and address for the record.
7. Public Hearing
 - A. Receive and acknowledge comments pertaining to the amendment to the Readiness to Serve Charge for Hemlock Semiconductor Group for the next five years.
8. Unfinished Business
 - A. None
9. New Business:
 - A. Approve Resolution 17-02 to amend the readiness to serve charges to Hemlock Semiconductor from 2016/2017 through 2020/2021 Township fiscal years.
 - B. Award the bid for the 2017 Mowing/Landscaping of the Township Properties to Tri Valley Landscaping in the amount of \$49,650.00.
 - C. Approve the Design and Construction Administration Agreement with Spicer Group for the Pumping Station #12 (HSC) Controls Upgrade in the amount of \$37,000.00.

- D. Approve the Services Agreement with Spicer Group for Engineering Assistance in the amount of \$10,000.00 and related to the replacement and inspection of the wet-well piping located within Sewage Pumping Station #12 (HSC) and to authorize the completion of the piping repairs by a yet to be named contractor for an amount up to \$27,500.00.
 - E. Award the bid for the M-46 Median Maintenance to Bell’s Landscaping in the amount of \$2,000 for 2017.
 - F. Award the bid for all work related to the building demolition, parking lot removal and asbestos removal at 3955 North River Road to Allen Contracting in the amount of \$19,500.00 and to complete the property purchase for \$18,000.00 as originally approved.
 - G. Approve the Agreement for Professional Services with Spicer Group in the amount of \$4,000.00 to develop a Michigan Natural Resources Passport grant application for a multi-use path from Shields Drive to a point on North Miller Road, just south of Geddes Road.
- 9a. Presentations
- A. The Township Assessor will make a presentation on Township Property Values.
 - B. Habitat for Humanity presentation.
10. Reports
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| A. Supervisor | D. Manager | H. Fire Dept. |
| B. Clerk | E. Community Development | I. Police Dept. |
| C. Treasurer | F. DPW | J. Parks & Recreation |
| | G. Finance | K. Board Members |
11. Executive Session
None
12. Adjournment
5. It was moved by Sommers, seconded by Radewahn to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- A. Approval of Township Board Minutes from the regular meeting 01/09/2017.
 - B. Expenditures consisting of;

Clearing Fund	5,790.00
General Fund	\$141,512.57
Public Safety-Fire Department	15,918.71
Fire Apparatus	0.00
Public Safety-Police Department	30,495.85
Public Safety-Drug Law Enforcement	0.00
Downtown Development Authority	4,415.39
Parks	33,574.02
Parks Capital Improvement Fund	0.00
Road Revolving Fund	0.00
HSC Grant Administration	0.00
Sewer Fund	115,371.49
Water Fund	300,732.33
Municipal Refuse	60,396.81
Tax	3,367,586.36
6. Communications-Petitions-Citizen Comments
- A. Stephanie Simmet – 823 Plainfield, Saginaw, MI 48609
Brought up her concern about the new smart meters Consumers Energy had installed on her home, she feels she should have a choice on whether or not she has the smart meter or an analog meter, and she shouldn’t have to pay additional to have that choice. She feels the radiation emitted from these meters is harmful to her family. Would like to see the Township pass a resolution in favor of allowing the resident to choose whether or not they received an analog meter or a smart meter.
 - B. Debbie Jacalone – 1140 Curwood, Saginaw, MI 48609

Agrees with Stephanie Simmet, and also believe this consideration should extend to the Township radio-read meters currently being installed in the Township. They are worse than the Consumers Energy smart meters as there is no choice to go back to the analog meters. Stated DPW Director has no information testimony to support the fact there are no studies concerning the safety of these meters. Bills are going up, and health issues are cropping up.

- C. Dan Childs – 150 W Olson, Lee Township, Midland, MI 48640
Feels the benefit to Consumers Energy for the installation of these smart meters doesn't justify the small amount of money Consumers is saving. There are numerous privacy issues. He feels that Consumers Energy is using these smart meters as a way to track your Energy usage so they can begin to charge you more money for "time of use" pricing and it will penalize those that are retired and stay at home mothers who are home all day. Feels the radiation emitted from these meters and those that are sensitive to electromagnetic pulses will continue to have health issues.
 - D. Dan Lonier- Utility Meter Choice 4 Michigan
Asked that the Township pass a resolution in support of utility customer's right to choose between a smart meter and an analog meter. The analog meters measured the electricity just fine, these utilities are multibillion dollar companies. They are not losing money. Just give your residents a choice. Mr. Lonier stated that these smart meters have caused explosions and fires in multiple homes in the Detroit area.
 - E. Gary Glenn – 3800 East Monroe, Midland, MI 48640, State Representative of the 98th District, submitted HB 4916 of 2016 and it subsequently failed. New legislation will be re-introduced by himself and State Representative Tim Kelly of the 94th District this year. HB 4916 is designed to give the utility customer the choice to decide which meter is put on their house; requires advance noticing to the customer when meters are switched; requires explanations of the various types of meters that could be installed; puts in place opt-out features; sets utility company's fee at \$150 (all inclusive) to have the analog meter put back on their house, and there will be no monthly fee, or a low monthly fee of \$5.00.
 - F. Chet Kosiara – 235 Swanson, Saginaw, MI 48609
His health was fine prior to smart meter going on his house. Since then, he has had heart problems and had to have a heart catheterization.
 - G. Philip Broser- 4812 Mayville, Silverwood, MI
Has known people that have had to leave their home because of illness due to the electromagnetic fields. This field is all around you, above you, below you. Next to tobacco, this will be the leading cause of health problems in the world. Quoted Cindy Sage's studies on this subject and she has done thousands of studies.
 - H. Dan Jacalone – 1140 Curwood, Saginaw, MI 48609
Spoke about the Township's new radio read water meters. These will be on your house 24 hours a day emitting harmful radiation that you can't get away from.
7. Public Hearing
- A. Receive and acknowledge comments pertaining to the amendment to the readiness to serve charge for Hemlock Semiconductor Group for the next five years. The public hearing was opened at 7:26 p.m. and closed at 7:27 p.m. with no public comment.
8. Unfinished Business:
- A. None

9. New Business:

- A. It was moved by Sommers, seconded by Brosowski to approve Resolution 17-02 to amend the readiness to serve charges to Hemlock Semiconductor from 2016/17 through 2020/2021 township fiscal years.

Ayes: Weise, Brosowski, Weber, Radewahn, Thayer, Ryder-Petre, Sommers

Nays: None

Abstain: None

- B. It was moved by Weber seconded by Ryder-Petre to award the bid from the 2017 mowing and landscaping of the Township properties to Tri Valley Landscaping in the amount of \$49,650.00. Motion carried unanimously.

- C. It was moved by Radewahn, seconded by Sommers to approve the design and construction administration agreement with Spicer Group for the pumping station #12 (HSC) Controls Upgrade in the amount of \$37,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

- D. It was moved by Ryder-Petre seconded by Brosowski to approve the services agreement with Spicer Group for engineering assistance in the amount of \$10,000 and related to the replacement and inspection of the wet-well piping located with in sewage pumping station #12 (HSC) and to authorize the completion of the piping repairs by a yet to be named contractor for an amount up to \$27,500. Motion carried unanimously.

- E. It was moved by Radewahn seconded by Thayer to award the bid for the M-46 median maintenance to Bell's Landscaping in the amount of \$2,000 for 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

- F. It was moved by Sommers seconded by Weber to award the bid for all work related to the building demolition, parking lot removal and asbestos removal at 3955 North River Road to Allen contracting in the amount of \$19,500 and to complete the property purchase for \$18,000 as originally approved. Motion carried unanimously.

- G. It was moved by Thayer seconded by Ryder-Petre to approve the agreement for professional services with Spicer Group in the amount of \$4,000 to develop a Michigan Natural Resources Passport grant application for a multi-use path from Shields Drive, north to a point on North Miller Road, just south of Geddes. Motion carried unanimously.

- 9A. A. Township Assessor, Will Gast gave a presentation of the Township's 2017 Values

- B. Fiscal Services Director, Deidre Frollo gave a presentation about the August Habitat for Humanity Rehab week that the Township Board and Staff will be participating in.

10. Report of Officers and Staff:

- A. Supervisor's Report – none.

- B. Clerk's Report – Reported that the Managers Evaluation was complete.

- C. Treasurer's Report –Reported on the 911 Annual Report.

- D. Manager's Report – none.

- E. Receive and file Community Development Reports.

- F. Receive and file the DPW Reports. Reminded the Board that this report also included the annual report for 2016.

- G. Receive and file Finance Departments Reports.

- H. Receive and file Fire Departments Report.

- I. Receive and file Police Departments Reports. Steve also introduced our new officer, Brandon Federspiel.

- J. Receive and file Parks and Recreations Reports.
- K. Board Member Reports – None
- 11. Executive Session:
 - A. None
- 12. It was moved by Brosowski, seconded by Thayer adjourn the meeting at 8:12p.m. Carried unanimously.

Edward Brosowski, Clerk

Dated