

Minutes of the Tyrone Twp.  
Regular Board Mtg-held June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009

- \*Meeting called to order by Supv.-Dennis at 7:30pm
- \*Members present: Scott Mouthaan, Juli hall, Shelley Worley, Dennis Kaminski, Sharon Olson
- \*Visitors present: Ray & Betty Johnson, Dale & Edith Johnson, Pamela VanderPloeg-Asst. Director Carol Simpson-Region Repr., Marcia DeMeester-Branch Mgr., Melissa Swims-Western Agent.
- \*Dennis had the Library start with their presentation. Talked about controlling their budget, even after taking some reductions in State Aid to libraries. They do not see any lose to service for our branch. Carol has been working closely with the employees pension board. They are very proud of the 6 million items that have been circulated thru the 18 branches. They have purchased "Playaway" selfcontained units for use at the libraries. There has been an increase of 40% in their program attendance. The library has been a vital part of the community providing wireless internet, being a place to conduct business. Marcia shared that 59% of our residents have a library card. Storytime area in the library has been increased, and the teen area was moved all with positive comments. Summer reading was started today with 70 children being signed up, here in Kent City. Dennis asked about a drinking fountain. General comments made on our library budget, and their operations budget.
  
- \*Melissa Swims from Western Insurance Agency went over a brief review of our renewal package, explaining that they are able to offer us a 3yr rate guarantee. We are saving \$2003 on this pkg.
  
- \*Motion was made by Sharon to approve the minutes with the correction to the last sentence of the Supv. Report made, by deleting the word "would"; seconded by Juli. Carried.
  
- \*Treasurers' report-balance of funds was reported. Placed on file. Juli passed out a report from Microvisions explaining disk space on all our computers. We are currently utilizing 50% of the space.
  
- \*Fire report-Mike was on vacation. No report
- \*Motion was made by Scott to approve as presented with the addition of Western Insurance and Hungerford bills; seconded by Sharon. Carried.
- \*Clerks' report-passed out the legislative info.conference this summer thru MTA. Was contacted by Matt Madonna-Comm.Dev. on the granting of signatory authority for contracts. Motion was made by Shelley to grant signatory authority to the Supv. And Clerk for current yr contracts (09-10), seconded by Scott. Carried.
  
- \*Supv. Report-bike rack will progress if the weather cooperates. Mike and Dennis have located some of the problems with the water leaks in the hall and kitchen areas. Dennis has contacted Terry Afton to get some direction on the sinkhole that is located on the E.side of our office. Dennis stopped at the gravel pit to inquire if they were responding to our letters. The office personnel was informed that our letters were with their attorney and the trees that were cut were located in the swamp. They is broken asphalt on the site, however Dennis is aware that most gravel pits have a grinder on site to take care of the bad stuff. It was suggested that Dennis contact our attorney Eric Brandt, to notify him of the visit and what

has transpired. Dennis was asked by some folks about a water fountain in the library. He has looked into getting absopure. Motion was made by Scott to go with Absopure for a 3 month trial period (June-Aug.),to see how this works; seconded by Juli. Carried (Naye-Worley). Dennis was in attendance for the Supv. Mtg and fire dispatch will be billed to us in the coming months. Dennis has talked with the Kent Cty. Road Comm. on the dumping problem on Kenowa Ave.(21-22 Mile Rd.) Trash removal estimate was \$2000, with our share at \$1100 and the Road Comm. at \$900. Motion was made by Shelley to go ahead with the removal estimate of \$1100 for our portion, seconded by Sharon . Carried. Dennis has had some complaints on the DNR property on 20 Mile Rd, that gets traffic for siting in guns during the year. He checked into the possibility of leasing the property and getting folks to form a Gun Club. Dennis rec'd a letter from the Fall Festival asking the Twp. if we wanted an ad. We cannot use township monies for this purpose, so if anyone wants to donate their own monies Dennis will purchase the ad. Scott had some questions on using CDBG monies for a Military memorial or giving to the Valley Ridge Foundation. Scott brought up the PDR booklet distributed by the County, and checking on our status of the master plan map and master plan text to qualify folks for State grants. Scott asked Dennis if he was interested in going to NATAT Conf. in Washington, which is featuring the State of MI this year. Do we know of anyone who wants to donate a MI product, inquantity of 400 for this conf? Scott talked about Energy Stimulas, grant opportunities, and cost saving measures such as hiring out the janitorial once a month. Visitors comments-Dale & Edith Johnson were charged \$13.10 for copies/adm charges for a FOIA request, which they feel was unfair. Shelley and Dennis tried to explain the charges, and they are not understanding the process. They believe the township is hiding something from them, pertaining to the FOIA request. Shelley suggested that since we have gone around and around on this subject, to let our Supv.-Dennis take charge of this matter as Administrator, because they are still not happy with this situation. Dennis will determine if their should be a refund. Adj. at 9:55pm