

# Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes held by Standish Township Board 4-12-21

Standish Township

P.O. Box 472 Standish MI 48658

Bob North-Supervisor, Susan Kohn-Treasurer, Shara Klenk-Clerk, Bobbi Lynch-Trustee, Ryan Klenk-Trustee

**Meeting called to order:** by Mr. North at 6:00pm. Audio being recorded by Mr. Bender

**Present:** Shara Klenk, Ryan Klenk, Bobbi Lynch, Robert North and absent Sue Kohn

**Agenda as presented:** Motion to accept the agenda as presented by Ryan and supported by Bobbi.

**Minutes:** Regular meeting held 3-8-21 and special meeting 3-27-21 motion made by Ryan and supported by Bobbi. Motion carried with a roll call vote of Ayes: 4 and Nays: 0.

## **Committee or officers' reports:**

1. Trustee- Ryan – working on the networking and we have the camera system picked out.
2. Trustee-Bobbi – Nothing to report.
3. Planning- Deb – Items discussed at the planning meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> of April are in detail in the planning minutes, distributed at the Township board meeting. Brief overview of the discussion held at today's meeting are as follows, Wayne to be sworn in as a planning board member by the next meeting by the clerk. Incorporating Sandy Drive into a lake shore district. It is residential now. Discussion on if it is necessary to amend the zoning to include restrictions on fence ordinances on water front properties. Changes to think about are; no fences in lakeshore, need of permits, height, educate people, type, and cost of permits. Rental property ordinance on inspections of long term and vacation. Bob asked for the planning commission to give us a chance to discuss it with Gary and as a board.
4. Zoning-Gary- Gary provided a zoning report to the board to review. This report was printed for review in the packet distributed by the clerk at the regularly scheduled board meeting. Discussion in detail on violations he is working on and having issues with. Starting to pick up. Bob discussed with Gary discussions he had with the County about the property in Whites Beach that is in violation.

## LAND USE PERMITS;

1. 1324 Palmer Rd. To build 48'x60' enclosure pens on the West and East sides of the existing pole barn. Both will be 10' high. There will be no roof structure on either enclosure pen. All setbacks are met. Arenac Bldg Dept has been contacted.
2. 5090 S. Huron Rd. To build a 60'x104' pole barn for storage. A 36'x42' covered porch will be added to the NW corner. Rough plumbing will be installed at the time the structure is built for a bathroom and fish cleaning station to be added later. All pertinent building permits will be applied for and issued. All setbacks are met.

## VIOLATIONS

1. 5353 Shady Ln. I received several inquiries/complaints concerning this property. A small mini cabin was built off site and placed on the property. No Land Use or Bldg Dept permits were applied for. I visited the property on 4-8-21. The cabin is 10'-4" x 20'-4" (210.11 sf) which is way short of the minimum square footage required. I placed a "stop work" sign on the cabin. I called the owners on Friday evening, 4-9-21, and had an hour long conversation with them. They had many excuses and tried to change their story and try to convince me that it was going to be a storage shed, but I finally got them to admit that they planned to use it as a dwelling. I reminded them that their contractor obtained permits last August to demo the old house, and they also obtained an electrical permit for temporary electric service. The solution is ongoing. I will have more information at the meeting, but I wanted to have this information listed for the record.

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2. 5328 Pleasant Ave. Two travel trailers. (Blight) One has no current registration, and the other is parked in the front/side yards, is in the R.O.W., is unlivable, and is not roadworthy. The house has been in the process of being repaired/remodeled for the past couple years. The work is not finished and the permits have expired. I called the owner, who lives downstate on Thursday evening, 4-8-21. I gave him 14 days to remove both trailers, or an MCI would be issued. This has been an ongoing issue with several complaints.

### OTHER

Received many phone calls, emails, texts, and had personal contact with property owners, contractors, the Bldg Dept, Township Board members, Planning Commission members, appraisers, realtors, and others.

Treasurer-is absent Shara will give her report- Beginning balance of \$1,661,329.51. Revenue of \$150,246.46. Expenses of \$530,890.15. Ending Balance of \$1,280,685.82. CD's total of \$246,484.61.

5. Approval to pay the book of bills: Motion made by Bobbi and supported by Ryan to pay the book of bills.

- General Fund total -\$2,996.50
- Payroll - \$3,513.33
- IRS - \$1,988.47
- Republic Waste Services - \$9,634.83
- Savin Lake Services - \$8,500.00
- Brighthouse - \$3,112.74
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Motion carried by a roll call vote 4 ayes and 0 nays.

6 .Clerk-Shara- Nothing to report.

7. Supervisor-Bob- Attended the Road Commission meeting. Brad has taken Blair's position. He and his team went through the 2021 bridge contract. Matched \$25,000 with an allocation of \$20,000 that is \$45,000 toward our road campaign. A brush hog was purchased by the road commission to do the ditches this is not the same as grass cutting. There is a limit to the size of trees the brush hog can remove. They will do 1 mile of road on two sides of the road or roads of our choice. \$130 an hour if we choose to go with them. 3-5-year road plan is underway. Tree trimming quote of \$2800 at the cemetery. Jays Lawn Care picked up the tree limbs that fell out front at no charge. In 2020 the road commission put down 9940 tons of gravel for Standish Township. That is \$104,161.95 paid by the Township. It is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row we contributed more than any of the 12 townships.

8. Water/Sewer- Bob- There are not any action items. Meeting with Brody Brothers soon. Project scheduled to begin the second week in May. Property we own on LaFave they will level it and use it for the stage. Getting started on the assessment and then we will start working on the price per gallon on the water and sewer.

**Old Business:** Budget – The budget for the 2021/2022 year has been distributed to the residents in attendance as well as posted on the Townships website for review. Bob asked if there was any discussion needed, with no comments Ryan made a motion to accept the budget for the 2021/2022 year with support from Bobbi. A roll call vote of 4 yeas and 0 nays. Motion carried.

**New Business:** Aquatic weed treating of the canals by Savin Lake Services. We discussed and approved at last month's meeting. 60% of the contract needs to be paid, that is \$8,100.00 and \$400.00 permit fee. Motion made by Bobbi and supported by Ryan to pay Savin Lake Services out of general fund. Monies will be paid back once we are able to collect on the tax roll.

**Announcements:** None

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**Public Comment:** Renee Panteen asked where construction will begin. Bob stated that construction will be starting at the water treatment plant. Deb Aguirre let the members know that the consumers caution sign for gas at the public access has been stolen and someone has taken the trash can. Mrs. Valley asked about the budget for the 2021 year for roads. Total to be spent is \$109,725.00. That is \$5000 more than last year. Roads we will be doing this year are Kraushaar, Hagley, Palmer, Richardson, Whites Beach – Water Street/Shady Lane, White Street and Liberty Street. When complete the south end and north of pine river road will be done. When the road commission bills the Township, we need to be able to pay upon receipt. A motion to pay the bill from the Road Commission by Bobbi and supported by Ryan. No discussion, motion carried.

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by Ryan and supported by Bobbi, time is 6:45 pm.

Prepared by: Shara Klenk-Clerk