

**TYRONE TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
APPROVED MINUTES – OCTOBER 20, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Clerk Kremer called the meeting of the Tyrone Township Board to order with the Pledge of Allegiance on October 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tyrone Township Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Treasurer Marna Bunting-Smith, Clerk Keith Kremer, Trustees Cam Gonzalez, Soren Pedersen, Chuck Schultz and David Walker (left at 8:05 p.m.). Absent: Supervisor Mike Cunningham.

Trustee Walker moved to appoint Treasurer Bunting-Smith to moderate the meeting in the absence of the Supervisor. (Trustee Schultz seconded.) The motion carried; all ayes.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA – OR CHANGES**

Trustee Walker moved to approve the agenda as amended. (Trustee Schultz seconded.) The motion carried; all ayes.

The modifications were as follows:

Added New Business: Review of two purchase offers on the 20-acre parcel 4704-03-300-015.

Added New Business: Request of Cider Mill Crossings for a letter of support.

Added New Business: Consumers Energy natural gas line.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes- October 6, 2015**

**Treasurer's Report**

**Clerk's Warrants & Bills**

Trustee Walker moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. (Trustee Gonzalez seconded.) The motion carried; all ayes.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- 1. Lake Tyrone Update**
- 2. Revenue and Expenditure Report**
- 3. Planning Commission Meeting Synopsis- October 13, 2015**

Trustee Walker moved to receive and place on file Communications #1-3 as presented. (Clerk Kremer seconded.) The motion carried; all ayes.

**PUBLIC REMARKS**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Request of David McBride to appeal a fire service charge.**

Mr. McBride requested the charge for fire service be waived. A passerby called 911 upon seeing an auto accident. Mrs. McBride specified they did not want EMS service, but a fire service was dispatched and they performed traffic control. Trustee Gonzalez moved to deny Mr. McBride's request to waive the fee. (Clerk Kremer seconded.) The motion carried; all ayes.

**2. Discussion for options for broadband coverage.**

Rudy Tober of Pulse Broadband was invited to the meeting to answer questions. Mr. Tober recommended the township hire a professional company to perform a survey to gauge how many residents would hook up to broadband service if the township were to offer it. Other ideas included providing information door-to-door or to circulate a petition. Also discussed was the township's need for 42% participation to afford the bond, which would be paid over 10-12 years. It was decided to continue to research options and to obtain quotes to provide a professional survey. No motion was made.

**3. Purchase offers on the 28 acre Runyan Lake Rd. parcel 4704-03-300-015.**

Two purchase offers were made on parcel 4704-03-300-015. Clerk Kremer moved to authorize the Treasurer to negotiate with both interested parties and bring any offers that may result back to the board. (Trustee Schultz seconded.) The motion carried; 4 ayes, 1 nay (Gonzalez).

**4. Approval of proposed holiday work schedule.**

Trustee Schultz moved to approve the proposed Christmas and New Years work schedule. (Trustee Pedersen seconded.) The motion carried; all ayes.

**5. Approval of a preliminary 2016-2017 budget estimate for the citizen's guide.**

Trustee Schultz moved to approve the preliminary 2016-2017 budget estimates, as revised, to be posted to the citizen's guide by Dec. 1, 2015. (Trustee Pedersen seconded.) The motion carried; all ayes.

**6. Award of tree removal contract.**

Clerk Kremer moved to accept the lowest bid of \$3,700 from Ronald's Tree Service to perform tree removal along the specified areas of Center Road. (Trustee Gonzalez seconded.) The motion carried; all ayes.

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**7. Request of the Treasurer to attend a financial seminar.**

Trustee Schultz moved to approve the request for the Treasurer to attend an “Understanding Financial Statements” seminar at a cost of \$249. Trustee Schultz amended his motion to include Trustee Pedersen who said he’d also like to attend. (Clerk Kremer seconded.) The motion carried; all ayes.

**8. Select collection agency.**

Trustee Schultz moved to use Credit Bureau of Ypsilanti on a trial basis for township collections. (Trustee Gonzalez seconded.) The motion carried; all ayes.

**9. Approval to write off uncollectible accounts.**

Trustee Schultz moved to write off uncollectible fire service accounts in the amount of \$4,515.36. (Trustee Gonzalez seconded.) The motion carried; all ayes.

**10. Request to print and mail voter information brochure for 2016 election cycle.**

Trustee Gonzalez moved to authorize up to \$2,000 to provide voter information brochures to be mailed with the tax bills. (Trustee Schultz seconded.) The motion carried; all ayes.

**11. November 3 board meeting schedule conflict with election.**

Due to the election, Treasurer Bunting-Smith moved to cancel the November 3 board meeting. (Trustee Schultz seconded.) The motion carried; all ayes. If needed, a special meeting could be scheduled for November 5.

**12. Cider Mill Crossings request for support to obtain state variance.**

Cider Mill Crossings was requesting a variance from the State of Michigan to renew their Permit to Construct. Cider Mill Crossings’ engineering firm asked the township if they’d be willing to provide the state with a letter of support. Trustee Pedersen moved to authorize the Clerk to provide a letter in support of Cider Mill Crossings’ permit renewal. (Trustee Schultz seconded.) The motion carried; all ayes.

**13. Energy proposed line on Center Road.**

The Clerk announced that Consumers Energy will be providing a natural gas line in the township hall’s area and asked if the board would be willing to hook up. Trustee Schultz moved to allow the township to connect to the natural gas line if financially advantageous. (Trustee Pedersen seconded.) The motion carried; all ayes.

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**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

None.

**PUBLIC REMARKS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Walker moved to adjourn. (Trustee Gonzalez seconded.) The motion carried; all ayes.  
The meeting adjourned at 10:02 p.m.