

**Henrietta Township  
11732 Bunkerhill Road  
Pleasant Lake, MI 49272  
517-769-6925**

Regular Meeting  
September 9, 2020

A work session was held prior to the beginning of the Regular Meeting for the purpose of reviewing invoices and communications.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Henrietta Township Meeting Room, 11732 Bunkerhill Road, Pleasant Lake, MI 49272. All members present.

A. Grimes presented the agenda for review.

Moved by M. McDonald, supported by A. Faist, to approve minutes of the regular meeting held on August 12, 2020 as presented and reviewed. Motion carried.

**SPECIAL ORDER**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

L. Forbes spoke regarding the problems she has with an auto repair business in Munith including burning rubber, car shows, drag racing on M-106, and excessive noise. She has reported the problems to police.

D. Dingee spoke as a representative of the auto repair business in Munith and denied they were responsible for any problems occurring as described by L. Forbes.

L. Gerald disagreed with D. Dingee and noted she has photos and video of drag racing, stopping traffic on M-106, and burning rubber. She noted there was a car show scheduled for this coming Saturday.

S. Keene noted she had observed drag racing on M-106.

S. Jacobs, representing the auto repair business noted he had told people to take it easy but can't stop them from doing it.

J. Gerald noted that the problem exists every other Saturday for the last four months, and is nothing but noise and problems including a car chase through town.

A. Grimes stated that the township does not have a police department and 911 should be called.

L. Forbes added she had shown police the videos she has, and has received threats to vandalize her property and harm her family.

S. Jacobs stated that the local residents are the ones speeding through town.

### **TREASURER’S REPORT – MARIA MCDONALD**

General Fund balance 08/31/20	\$ 238,209.13
Delinquent Tax Account balance 08/31/20	\$ 521.50
Stabilization Fund balance 08/31/20	\$ 101,387.87
Public Improvement Fund balance 08/31/20	\$ 398,264.53
Vehicle Replacement Fund balance 08/31/20	\$ 54,242.29
Total Interest Earned	\$ 40.23

### **BUILDING DEPARTMENT – R. TRIPP**

The building department collected \$6,010.00 in fees during August, with a construction cost of \$221,090. Permits include 13 building permits, 11 electrical permits, 3 mechanical permits, 1 plumbing permit, 4 site plan reviews, and 1 address sign.

### **ASSESSOR**

In August the assessing department began notifying residents regarding field work for 2020, field work will begin next week. Residents can continue to contact the county for assessing information during the week; the assessor will be in the township office on Tuesdays.

### **ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT/ZONING –S. BURNETT**

In August S. Burnett worked 28 hours, received 5 complaints, verified 5 ordinance violations, issued 3 written warnings, issued 2 verbal warnings, had 1 civil infractions and drove 143 miles.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT – R. WETMORE**

R. Wetmore reported the fire department responded to 39 calls in August including 21 medical calls, 2 building fires, 1 ems rescue, 6 medical assists to ems crew, 1 vehicle accident, 1 person in distress, 1 unauthorized burning, 1 wrong location, 2 no incident found on arrival and 3 citizen complaints. A. Grimes reported the fire department was one of 5 departments in the county to receive a grant to replace the self-contained breathing apparatus. Each fire fighter will receive their own masks to use with the air system. The grant is \$150,000. A. Faist suggested the department consider applying for grants to fund a grain bin rescue system, and suggested it could be shared with surrounding townships.

**TRANSFER STATION – A. GRIMES**

Monthly reported income:	\$ 5,776.00
Modern Waste:	\$ 2,458.30
Salary for Month:	\$ 1,382.50
Total Expenses:	\$ 4,075.04

Total recycled for August	12.01 Tons or 24,020 Pounds
Total recycled for 2020	48.18 Tons or 96,360 Pounds

**PLANNING COMMISSION – N. Hawley**

N. Hawley reported the Planning Commission received text clarification on land use for a special events ordinance. Following discussion, the issue is tabled until further notice. The Planning Commission also received updates on legislation for the operation of gravel pits and quarries and will be looking at our ordinance for updates in the future.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. Grimes gave an update on ordinance violations in the township. He noted that the ordinance violation on Laredo had a deadline of September 8, 2020 for cleanup. If the property is not in compliance, the court may order the township to clean up the property. Moved by A. Faist, supported by S. Keene to proceed if the court orders the township to clean up the ordinance violation located on Laredo Drive. Motion carried. Any costs occurred by the township for the clean-up, including legal fees, will be billed to the property owners.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. Grimes presented information on the Cares Act Grant Reimbursement for Public Safety and Public Health Payroll. The township applied for firefighter calls and salary reimbursement in the amount of \$22010.00. The township has not heard if this grant will be awarded. If awarded, this grant would be used towards the matching fund requirement for the scuba gear. Moved by A. Faist, supported by M. McDonald to deposit this grant, if awarded, in the vehicle replacement fund to be used for matching funds for FEMA grant already approved. Motion carried.

A. Grimes presented the township had applied for the First Responder Hazard Premium pay for March, Aril, and May. Twenty one employees responded to calls during these months, and would be eligible for \$1,000 per employee. The township has not heard if this grant will be awarded. Moved by M. McDonald, supported by S. Keene to disperse \$1,000 per eligible firefighter by September 30, 2020 if grant is approved. Motion carried.

A. Grimes presented a Franchise Agreement with WOW for review. A. Faist noted that WOW has not expanded the service it provides in the township. Following discussion it was decided to contact Bryant Murray with WOW and

request he attend a meeting with the township board to discuss the franchise agreement.

#### **OTHER REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

R. Troman questioned what was being done with the Pleasant Lake School site. A. Grimes noted that Building Inspector R. Tripp has posted the building as not inhabitable. The township is working towards a court hearing for cleanup of this property.

L. Forbes commented she wants the community to be safe.

Moved by A. Faist, supported by M. McDonald, to pay the bills as submitted and reviewed. Motion carried.

Moved by M. McDonald, supported by S. Kasprzycki, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Sally J. Keene, Clerk  
Henrietta Township