

**Inverness Township Board of Trustees
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Held at the Inverness Hall
January 2, 2019**

Meeting opened at 7:00 pm. with pledge to the flag.

Present: Ron Neuman; Lisa Porter; Johanna Pluszczynski; Rod LaHaie;
Greg Elliott

Absent: None.

Minutes: Approval of December 4, 2018, Meeting minutes as presented by Lisa Porter, Clerk.
Move to approve by LaHaie, second by Pluszczynski. Ayes (5) Nays (0) Motion carried.

Gen. Bills: Approval to pay General Bills in the amount of **\$22,185.44** and Reimbursements in the amount of **\$657.98. Move to approve by Elliott, second by LaHaie. Roll call vote: Pluszczynski, yes; Porter, yes; Neuman, yes; LaHaie, yes; Elliott, yes. Motion carried.**

Sewer Bills: Approval to pay Sewer Bills in the amount of **\$2,784.73. Move to approve by LaHaie, Second by Pluszczynski. Roll call vote: Elliott, yes; LaHaie, yes; Neuman, yes; Porter, yes; Pluszczynski, yes. Motion carried.**

DDA Bills: Approval to pay DDA Bills in the amount of **\$681.85. Move to approve by Elliott, Second by LaHaie. Roll call vote: Pluszczynski, yes; Porter, yes; Neuman, yes; LaHaie, yes; Elliott, yes. Motion carried.**

Visitors: Tammi Gall from Mead & Hunt presented sewer inspection and maintenance overview on what was done last year and what needs to be done this year. She requested approval from the Township Board to purchase 3 new lids. Also 2 new panel housings with dead fronts for replacements of the broken ones at, 1042 N Straits Hwy and 1029 Pauley Rd. **Move to approve to purchase and replace 2 cracked panels with dead fronts and buy 3 new lids, one used to replace a broken lid and the other 2 lids to have in stock by LaHaie, Second by Pluszczynski. Roll call vote: Elliott, yes; LaHaie, yes; Neuman, yes; Porter, yes; Pluszczynski, yes. Motion carried.** More discussions will follow to address how we handle inspections and maintenance of sewer systems that are in places where no one lives at a later date.

Hannah Palmer, Account Manager from GFL reaching out to board members and answer any questions board members may have prior to new contract coming up in April 2019. Pluszczynski posed questions relating to how much weight is being hauled bi-weekly and how they determine the weight of each pick up. A monthly weight slip was requested monthly from GFL for our records. Township is charged by pick up not weight. Also addressed problem regarding pick up

Old Business: Final Draft of Beckett Land Division approved by Assessor needs board approval for record keeping. *Motion made by Pluszczynski, support by Neuman. Ayes(5) Nays(0) Motion carried.*

New Business: Resolution allowing to pay certain Bills by Clerk and Treasurer between Board Meetings Authorizing Emergency Expenditures by Supervisor. *Moved to approve by Pluszczynsk, Second by LaHaie. Roll call vote: Elliott, yes; LaHaie, yes; Neuman, yes; porter, yes; Pluszczynski, yes. Motion carried.*

Resolution to approve FOIA policies and procedures including summaries there of to be posted on the Inverness Township Website. *LaHaie moves to adopt policies and procedures of FOIA to be posted on Township Website. Seconded by Pluszczynski. Roll call vote: Pluszczynski, yes; Porter, yes; Neuman, yes; LaHaie, yes; Elliott, yes; Motion carried.*

Approval to hire Matt Barber Construction Co to build a 6'x 14' Fireproof room and to reconstruct the two offices into one at the Inverness Township Hall in the amount of \$3,800.00 including a fireproof steel door and the finish work including electric minus Flooring where wall was removed. **Move to approve by Elliott, Second by LaHaie, Roll call vote: Pluszczynski, yes; Porter, yes; Neuman, yes; LaHaie, yes; Elliott, yes. Motion carried.**

Rivers Ridge consolidated lots from 25 down to 12 and are seeking some relief on sewer bill. Met with Ron and Greg who are working on the billing rates for our sewer system. Planning to try to give them a reduction but need to research further and should have an answer for them in near future.

AT&T – Old sewer phone line was canceled this past month. Planning to upgrade our existing outdated Township Phone & Internet plan with a Lower Price and Better Technology. Phone numbers will remain the same but we will convert to cell phones with no extra cost.

Attorney MacArthur provided board with an opinion letter for our review of Attorney - Client Privilege and information in regards to the new Legal Marihuana Law for Board to review and consider adopting.

Fire board Report: A couple roll overs on 75, a couple small fires. New air machine to fill air tanks is up and running. Old air tank sold to Kinross Twp for approx. \$1,500.00. Update on State of Mich. fire alarm program, anyone in need of smoke alarms or batteries can contact Rob Socha at Inverness Fire Dept. He is overseeing this program. Inverness Fire Department may become the Distribution Center for several Counties and Townships in our area.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer and Clerk need to update information at M Bank. Moved a CD from Straits Area Credit Union to First Community Bank to get a better rate. Will be looking to move more CD's in the near future with better rates. In contact with 2 other financial institutions to move monies around to keep under the \$250,000. per Taxpayer ID per financial institution for FDIC purposes. Between now and next month we will be reinvesting some money from local banks to larger trade area banks. For now Citizens National and Straits Area Credit Union are unwilling to give us a higher rate.

Citizens Comments: Thanks to Trustee, Rod LaHaie for being instrumental in getting the Township Website up and running. Congratulations to board for all that has been accomplished to date. Citizen inquiry on using some of Twp. surplus to do some township roads. Supervisor Neuman and Trustee LaHaie respond, "we will get there". LaHaie expresses plans to meet with County Road Commission in the near future to look at what they have in mind for Inverness Township as far as repairs, upgrades & maintenance. Then set down as a board and discuss some long range plans to take care of some roads. Citizen request that board take care of Laparell Rd. Praise for board members loyalty to their citizens.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted By:

LISA A. PORTER Clerk

Board Approved:

RONALD J. NEUMAN Supervisor