

Convis Township Board Regular Meeting
Tuesday October 10, 2023, 7:00 PM
Convis Township Hall
19500 15 Mile Road, Marshall, MI 49068
Minutes

Call To Order: Supervisor Harvey called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the pledge to the flag.

Board Members present: Supervisor Ryan Harvey, Clerk Kim Collins, Treasurer Kristy Kipp, and Trustees Elyse Bibbings and Frank Irish.

Absent/Excused: None

Agenda: Agenda accepted as presented.

Minutes: Motion made by Kipp, seconded by Bibbings to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2023, Regular Township Board meeting as presented. In favor: 5 Ayes. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Sheriff Deputy Report: Deputy Williamson reported on activity for September 2023.

Public Comment: Larry Holcomb, 17385 Garfield Road, presented the Board with a handout and voiced his concerns with the establishment of large solar projects and the potential impact it might have on wildlife, and the reduction of farm acreage used by large solar projects.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

AT&T Metro Act Right of Way Permit Extension: Motion made by Kipp, seconded by Irish to approve the AT&T Metro Act Right of Way Permit Extension as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: Bibbings, Collins, Harvey, Kipp, Irish. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Joint In-Person Voting Site Agreement with Calhoun County: County Clerk Kimberly Hinkley was in attendance and helped explain the agreement. Motion made by Harvey, seconded by Bibbings to approve the Agreement for Early In-Person Voting Election Services with Calhoun County as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: Collins, Harvey, Kipp, Irish, Bibbings. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Office Copy Machine Replacement: This agenda item was tabled until the next regular meeting.

Document Shredding: Motion made by Harvey, seconded by Bibbings to approve a bid from Shred-It not to exceed \$1,000.00 for on-site document shredding services. Roll call vote: Ayes: Harvey, Kipp, Irish, Bibbings, Collins. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Budget Amendment 2023-10-01: Motion made by Kipp, seconded by Irish to adopt Resolution 2023-10-01 Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget Amendment as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: Kipp, Irish, Bibbings, Collins, Harvey. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Supervisor Harvey recapped a meeting held earlier today including himself, Calhoun County Planning Consultants, and a representative from Hammond Farms, who intends to submit an application for a Special Land Use Permit for a composting facility to be located in Convis Township.

Treasurer's Report: Motion made by Harvey, seconded by Collins to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: Irish, Bibbings, Collins, Harvey, Kipp. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Pay Bills: Clerk Collins noted additions to the bills, \$125.00 to Jimmy's Johns, \$337.09 to Consumers Electric, \$117.18 to Consumers Gas, and \$2,062.70 to Calhoun County 911 Dispatch Authority. Motion made by Harvey, seconded by Kipp to pay all bills as amended in the amount of \$67,172.20. Roll call vote: Ayes: Bibbings, Collins, Harvey, Kipp, Irish. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Committee/Township Representative Reports

Zoning Administrator: Carl Fowler provided a report on inspections for the month of September 2023. An issue has been identified with the current zoning ordinance that addresses certain types of fencing, which likely will be addressed by the Planning Commission at a future meeting but would require a public hearing to approve a text amendment.

Bellevue Fire Control Board: Supervisor Harvey reported on a special meeting held in September to discuss the FEMA grant recently awarded. The next meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2023.

Calhoun County Road Department: Supervisor Harvey reported 2024 road work proposals should be ready for review at the November regular township meeting.

Custodian: Ron Petty reported 4 rentals for the month of September.

Ambulance Authority: Margaret Harvey reported on the September meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2023.

Building/Park Committee: The new outside message board, bench, and Little Free Library have recently been installed.

Cemetery Committee: Jeff Collins said a committee meeting will be scheduled soon.

Marshall Township Fire: Jeff Collins reported on a meeting held earlier today, where bids were reviewed to replace a 2006 fire engine. A special meeting may be scheduled in December to make a final decision.

Planning Commission: Elyse Bibbings reported on the September meeting. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday November 28, 2023.

Board Member Comments: Convis Township Board members welcomed recently appointed Trustee Franklin Irish to the Board.

Final Public Comment: Paul Egnatuk with Representative Haadsma's office was available to answer any questions.

Adjournment: Supervisor Harvey adjourned the meeting at 7:33 PM.

Kimberly L. Collins
Convis Township Clerk

Approved as printed, at the November 14, 2023 regular meeting of the Convis Township Board of Trustees.