

Convis Township Board Regular Meeting
Tuesday June 13, 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, Trustee Elyse Bibbings and Trustee John Swartz.

Absent/Excused: Treasurer Kristy Kipp

Agenda: Agenda accepted as presented.

Minutes: Motion made by Swartz, seconded by Bibbings to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2023, Regular Township Board meeting as presented. In favor: 4 Ayes. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Sheriff Deputy Report: Deputy Williamson was unable to attend, a written report for May 2023 will be provided.

Public Comment: Calhoun County Prosecutor David Gilbert provided an update on pending legislation and urged township officials and citizens to contact their legislators and senators with feedback on Senate Bills 119-123 and House Bills 4110-4164. Calhoun County Commissioner Steve Frisbie was in attendance and available to answer questions.

Unfinished Business:

Calhoun County Community Development Planning Consultant Proposal: Motion made by Collins, seconded by Swartz to approve the agreement as presented for planning consultation services provided by Calhoun County. Roll call vote: Ayes: Bibbings, Collins, Harvey, Swartz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

New Business:

Senior Health Partners-Exercise Class Proposal: Motion made by Harvey, seconded by Bibbings to allow Senior Health Partners to conduct weekly exercise classes at the hall for senior citizens. In favor: 4 Ayes. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Re-Appointment of Planning Commission Members: Motion made by Harvey, seconded by Swartz to reappoint Jeff Collins and Elyse Bibbings to Planning Commission for terms ending 6/30/2026. Roll call vote: Ayes: Collins, Harvey, Swartz, Bibbings. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Tax Rate Request-L4029: Motion made by Collins, seconded by Bibbings to approve the 2023 Tax Rate Request, reflecting a township tax levy amount of (0) zero. Roll call vote: Ayes: Harvey, Swartz, Bibbings, Collins. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Township Attorney Proposal: Motion made by Harvey, seconded by Bibbings to approve the proposal as submitted and enter into a legal services agreement with Bauckham, Thall, Seeber, Kaufman and Koches, PC. Roll call vote: Ayes: Swartz, Bibbings, Collins, Harvey. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Zoning Map Amendment-Rezoning a portion of Property at 18999 Old US 27 N-Recommendation for approval from Planning Commission: Motion made by Swartz, seconded by Bibbings to approve the zoning map amendment for a portion of property at 18999 Old US 27 North as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: Bibbings, Collins, Harvey, Swartz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Special Land Use Permit-Allowance of Additional Building at 18999 Old US 27 N-Recommendation for approval from Planning Commission: Motion made by Bibbings, seconded by Harvey to approve the Special Land Use Permit allowing an additional building at 18999 Old US 27 N as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: Collins, Harvey, Swartz, Bibbings. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Bellevue Community Fire Department-Letter of Intent: Motion made by Harvey, seconded by Collins to approve the Letter of Intent on behalf of the Bellevue Fire Control Board to apply for grant funding from the State of Michigan 2023 Fire Equipment Grant Program as presented. In favor: 4 Ayes. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Supervisor Harvey received copies of the Calhoun County 9-1-1 Consolidated Dispatch Authority Annual Report for 2022. A copy will be available in the office for anyone who would like to review the report.

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

Pay Bills: Motion made by Harvey, seconded by Swartz to pay all bills as presented in the amount of \$89,343.09. Roll call vote: Ayes: Swartz, Bibbings, Collins, Harvey. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Committee/Township Representative Reports

Zoning Administrator: Carl Fowler provided a report on inspections for the month of May 2023.

Bellevue Fire Control Board: Fire Chief Jacob Jackson provided an update on recent activity for the fire department. The next meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2023.

Calhoun County Road Department: Supervisor Harvey gave an update on local road work, including roadside mowing and scheduled brine application for the gravel section of 17-1/2 Mile Road.

Custodian: Ron Petty reported 7 rentals for the month of May. Carpet cleaning will be scheduled.

Ambulance Authority: Margaret Harvey reported on the May meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2023.

Building/Park Committee: The Little Free Library has been delivered and installation will be done soon. An exterior light was damaged by the lawn care company and will be repaired as soon as parts are available.

Cemetery Committee: Nothing to report.

Marshall Township Fire: The next meeting is scheduled for July 11, 2023.

Planning Commission: Trustee Bibbings reported on the May meeting which included a public hearing for a Special Land Use Permit application. The next meeting is scheduled for July 24, 2023.

Board Member Comments: Trustee Swartz announced that due to personal obligations, he will be resigning as Township Trustee effective July 31, 2023. Supervisor Harvey noted that due to the announced resignation, an advertisement will be published seeking applicants for the open Trustee seat.

Clerk Collins noted that due to an election scheduled for August 8, it will be necessary to change the Board of Trustees meeting from August 8 to August 9, 2023. The new meeting date will be posted accordingly.

Final Public Comment: State Representative Jim Haadsma provided an update on activity at the state level, including ongoing work on the budget for the next fiscal year.

Adjournment: Supervisor Harvey adjourned the meeting at 7:34 PM.

Kimberly L. Collins
Convis Township Clerk

Approved as printed, at the June 13, 2023 regular meeting of the Convis Township Board of Trustees.