

**Sugar Island Township
Regular Board Meeting
June 9, 2009**

1. Call Meeting to Order:
Supervisor McKerchie called the meeting to order at 8:22 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call: All present were: Supervisor McKerchie, Treasurer Janiga, Clerk Bledsoe, Trustee Biron and trustee Snider.
3. Changes/Additions to the Agenda:
Supervisor McKerchie requests that under 8 we add D, payment schedule for the new assessor. Clerk Bledsoe requests that 9-D be removed because we have not gotten prices for the professional cleaning of the kitchen.
Supervisor McKerchie requests that 9-D now be Recycle Trailer and 9-E be the First Right of Refusal for a property forfeiture.
4. Minutes were read from the May 12, 2009 minutes. Treasurer Janiga requested that the minutes be corrected by omitting that Eric McKerchie had submitted a land division. She said that it didn't matter who the party was, since the division was legal. Motion was made by Supervisor McKerchie to accept the minutes with the changes, second by Treasurer Janiga. Motion carried 5-0.

Minutes were read from the June 2, 2009 Special Meeting. Motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Trustee Biron, second by Trustee Snider. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Treasurers Report:

General Fund	\$ 144,997.81
Road Fund	\$ 99,583.05
Fire dept. Fund	\$ 91,327.17
CSB Fund	\$ 9,486.50
Ambulance Fund	\$ 87,475.91
Liquor Inspection	\$ 795.60
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 72,028.38
Metro Fund	\$ 553.17
Building Fund	<u>\$ 15,135.01</u>

TOTAL \$ 521,382.60

Motion to accept the Treasurers report was made by Clerk Bledsoe, second by Trustee Snider. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Correspondence:

Letter was read by Clerk Bledsoe regarding the tax penalty from the IRS. It stated that they had received our letter of concern and that they are still reviewing the issue.

Letter from Kelly Biron was read by Supervisor McKerchie. This letter concerned an incident that happened between her family and Paul Joseph when they were placing the flags on the Veterans graves.

7. Public Comment:

Louise Bledsoe thanks Trustee Biron and Trustee Snider for placing flags on all the Veterans gravesites for Memorial Day. She also thanks Kathy Cairns for placing the flyers regarding the job vacancy for the Township, in the *Sentinel*. Lastly, she thanks the *Sentinel* for allowing us to place this ad in the paper even though it was submitted past the submission date.

George Snider states that he didn't feel it necessary to read the letter from Mrs. Biron as it was a personal issue and not relevant to the Board. He is informed that since the letter was sent to the Board, it needed to be read.

Dave Bean addresses a number of issues and concerns. He asks about the Planning Commission appointments and why the people who have volunteered have not been appointed? Supervisor McKerchie explains that he has not finalized his choices so as to have a well rounded group. He questions if we are going to rewrite the old book or just update it? He is concerned about the Michigan Enabling Act and how nothing has been done in 3 years. Then he questions if once we do have a Commission will we set a time frame for them to have the zoning rules done?

His next question was in regards to the new assessor. He wants to know if she will have regular hours and will our properties be assessed on a regular basis as are required? Supervisor McKerchie explains that Mrs. Thompson will keep regular hours at the Hall and this is her full-time job. Those hours will be posted on the web-site and in the Hall. He also tells the audience that she will not be available on June 18.

Lastly, he informs the Board that the flag pole at the park needs to be fixed. It is listing and needs to be lighted at night. Trustee Biron replies that it will be fixed and will look into ways to light it.

George Snider also states that the Board needs to get a Planning Commission in place before the next Board meeting.

Bernard Roy suggests that the new assessor wear an ID tag with her picture on it so people will recognize her when she comes to their homes for assessing.

8. Old Business:
 - A. Solid waste Millage: Supervisor McKerchie states that the new proposal that will be on the August ballot should generate \$72,048.00 and that the proposed expenditures for 2009-2010 are \$71,480.00.
 - B. South End Dump: Supervisor McKerchie states that in the event that the millage doesn't pass, we need to cut our expenses by considering closing the South End Dump. Discussion ensues between the Board and the audience. Motion made by Trustee Snider to have a Town Hall meeting at the end of June to get more input regarding this issue. Trustee Biron seconds, motion carried 3-2.
 - C. New Ambulance EMT:
Supervisor McKerchie makes a motion to hire Adrienne Beckham for the Ambulance Department, second by Trustee Biron. Motion carried 5-0.
 - D. Payment Schedule for Assessor:
Supervisor McKerchie makes a motion to pay the assessor 25% now and then the remaining balance in monthly payments, second by Clerk Bledsoe. Motion carried 5-0.
 - E. Hourly pay for Doreen Freeborn:
Motion made by Clerk Bledsoe to pay Doreen Freeborn \$15.00 per hour to help the new assessor get acclimated, for no more than 10 hours, second by Treasurer Janiga. Motion carried 3-2.
9. New Business:
 - A. North End Park:
Trustee Biron called Cloverland Electric to get some poles for the North End Park because the other ones are in need of replacing. Supervisor McKerchie motions to pay Terry his hourly wage to help Trustee Biron replace those poles, second by Clerk Bledsoe. Motion carried 5-0.
 - B. Township Attorney:
Supervisor McKerchie motions to have Mr. Cannello as the Township attorney, second by Trustee Snider. Motion carried 5-0.
 - C. Employee Time Sheets:
Supervisor McKerchie announces that the policy is for the time sheets to be turned in by the first Wednesday of the month.
 - D. Recycle Trailer:
Supervisor McKerchie makes a motion to have Burt Menard take over the responsibility of the recycle trailer, second by Treasurer Janiga. Motion carried 5-0.

E. First Right of Refusal:

Treasurer Janiga explains the Township interest in a forfeiture of property for lack of property tax payment. Motion made by Treasurer Janiga to refuse the Townships first right, second by Trustee Biron. Motion carried 5-0.

10. Approval of Bills:

Motion made by Trustee Biron to pay the bills, second by Supervisor McKerchie. Motion carried 5-0.

11. Public Comment:

Kipper Biron thanks everyone who helped with the Veteran's barbeque and states that about 150 people attended. He also questions if the Board should consider hiring a different accountant for the Township? His next concern is in regards to the Park maintenance and is informed that the lawn care company does provide all their own supplies. He then addresses Mr. Snider in regards to the Board reading the letter from his wife. He states that the letter, even if it is a personal issue should be read. A discussion ensues between the two parties.

Dave Brunett questions when and if we were going to have the Community Center grass cut? He is informed that we are planning that the person we hire for cleaning will take care of the mowing. Trustee Biron offers to cut the grass until someone is hired.

George Snider announces that the Historical Society will be holding their dances for the summer. The first one will be on June 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Dennis McKelvie states that he does not think that personal letters about conduct should be read by the Board. He also questions about the direction that is going to be taken at the South End Park. Supervisor McKerchie explains that the Board isn't sure since no one from the CSB has shown up for the last few meetings to discuss their plans. Lastly, that he agrees with Kipper and that after a motion is made, the Board should not debate it. That should be done before the motion is made.

George Snider points out that the proper procedure is to have a motion made, then second that motion, then debate followed by the vote.

12. Announcements:

The announcements were not read.

13. Adjournment:

Supervisor McKerchie motions to adjourn the meeting, second by Trustee Snider. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:11 p.m.

Submitted by:
Louise F. Bledsoe
Sugar Island Township Clerk.