

February 15, 2016, Merrill Township Regular Board Meeting
Merrill Township Community Complex, 1585 West 11 Mile Road, Bitely, Michigan 49309
Telephone 231.745.7661 FAX 231.745.4105
www.merrilltownship.com info@merrilltownship.com

1. Call to order Baldwin called the meeting to order at 7:04.
 2. Pledge to Flag Jackson led the Pledge of Allegiance.
 3. Prayer Baldwin offered opening prayer.
 4. Roll call All Board members were present: Supervisor Barry Baldwin, Clerk Marilyn Pembrook, Treasurer Debra Fisher, Trustee Frank Jackson, and Trustee Gene Fisher.
 5. Approval of meeting agenda **Jackson moved, seconded by G. Fisher, to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Ayes all; motion carried.**
 6. Approval of consent agenda **G. Fisher moved, seconded by Jackson, to approve the consent agenda. Ayes all; motion carried.**
 - a. Approval of January 25, 2016 Board minutes
 - b. Receive correspondence (no Board action required)
 - c. Approval to pay bills: checks #14585 - 14608, plus payroll direct deposits #109 - 112, general account, total \$4,250.25; and checks #3193 - 3196, Transfer Station account, total \$3,642.08.
- Jeff Case, of Independent Bank, explained the fees, etc. regarding online tax payments.
7. Lilley Twp. Fire Department report On file; Clerk will read next month.
 8. Zoning Administrator's report Baldwin read the report (copy filed).
 9. Supervisor's report Baldwin reported regarding:
 - The person doing community service at the Transfer Station is willing to do some necessary work (possibility painting) at the Complex.
 - His meeting with a Risk Management representative of our insurance company.
 10. Clerk's report Pembrook noted the elections to be held this year: the Presidential Primary, March 8; White Cloud School District, May 3; State Primary, August 2; and General Election, November 8.
 11. Treasurer's report The Board received the January 31, 2016, written report (copy filed). Cash balances: General Fund, \$158,389.85; Road Fund, \$246,637.43; Fire Fund, \$47,714.81; and Transfer Station Fund, \$53,697.63. D. Fisher also noted that she had previously met with Jeff Case, and that positive changes were made regarding the tax collection account fees.

12. Planning Commission report G. Fisher reported the Planning Commission is continuing to rework the Township Zoning Ordinance..
13. Public comment No members of the public were present.
14. Correspondence, board action required None presented.
15. Old business There was discussion on the request at last month's meeting regarding Daryl Cosby's land split/combination. It was noted that there was no disagreement received from the Assessor regarding this request.
16. New Business
 - a. Planning Commission appointments Tabled until next month's meeting.
 - b. Date for budget workshop **Jackson moved, seconded by G. Fisher to hold the budget workshop March 14, at 4:00 p.m. Ayes all; motion carried.**
 - c. Date for public hearing on the proposed budget **Jackson moved, seconded by Pembroke, to hold the public hearing on the 2016-2017 fiscal year budget March 21 at 7:00 p.m. Ayes all; motion carried.**
 - d. Tax rate for Fire Fund millage Tax rate for fire fund millage
Jackson moved, seconded by G. Fisher, that 1.5 mills be levied for Fire Fund millage per the 2016 property tax collection. Ayes all; motion carried.
 - e. Compensation package for the March 8 Presidential Primary Election workers
Jackson moved, seconded by G. Fisher that the compensation package for the March 8, 2016 election workers remain the same as last year's election compensation. Ayes all; motion carried.
17. Adjourn Baldwin adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Marilyn L. Pembroke, Clerk