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August 21, 2019
Regular Board Meeting

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Bob Smith with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Present at the meeting-** Robert Smith, Mark Schoen, Sheryl Lauscher, Andrew Fazer and Beth Bertolini.
3. **A Motion to approve the agenda with the correction of the meeting date from August 20, 2019 to August 21, 2019 was made by Andrew Fazer. Motion supported by Mark Schoen. Motion carried 5-0.**
4. Guest- John Anderson- John delivered his assessors report.
5. Public Comment- Ray Gurgall stated that he supports the letter that was sent on behalf of the township from Andrew Fazer stating that many tax payers feel that the chip seal road repairs are not sufficient in places where there is heavy truck traffic, particularly Vega Road. Ray has stated that he feels that the Township should look at stronger alternatives to the chip sealing that has been proposed. He feels that it is a waste of money on West Third Street. A resident asked who she has to talk to, to find out if the alley behind her house is abandoned. Board members stated that the alley has not been abandoned and may be of use. The Township advises this resident to check with the MCRC to look into the intentions regarding this alley (between Park and Oak). It would take the approval of all residents on this block to abandon this alley. The resident inquiring about this alley would like to see this alley maintained year round as it had been in the past. Beth will provide contact for the MCRC information to this resident. A resident asked about what roads are scheduled for repairs. He would like to see 3rd Street and Park repaired and signs displayed stating that no trucks are allowed on these lower class roads. That would take an ordinance created by our Township and written by an attorney to get the proper signage and support from law enforcement to police the improper use of these lower level roads. Another resident asked about the finishing of the corner of Soo and South Main

Street. New culverts have been installed. We are still waiting for Fahrners Asphalt to come to our Township to do the repairs to the roads that are on our list. They will need to reshape the road over those new culverts on South Main Street.

6. Consent Agenda- Bills, Minutes and Treasurers Reports- **A Motion was made by Beth Bertolini, supported by Mark Schoen to approve the the Bills, Minutes and Treasurers Reports with the addition of \$289.63 for a reimbursement for Beth for Sewer Reporting and mileage to Marquette for Sewer MiWaters training. Motion carried 5-0.**
7. Action Item- Roads Update- The Board is waiting to hear from Fahrners Asphalt. We are hoping they will be able to get to our road repairs this fall. A letter was sent from Andrew Fazer to the MCRC expressing the concerns we have over the chip seal repair that was done on Vega Road. Nothing was done to build up or crown that section of the road and chip seal was placed over a very rough surface. We are worried that this will not hold up to the heavy trucks that daily use that road. At this time nothing is scheduled to be done on our road repairs. We have not yet signed a contract with Fahrners, but hope to do so soon.
8. Action Item- Summer Help Hires- Our Cemetery Sexton resigned last month and we needed employees to keep up with the grass cutting, weed eating, etc at the cemetery and in town. Caleb Martin and Brenton Ayotte were hired to help keep up with these summer tasks through this fall. We want to make their jobs official as Temporary Summer Help. **A Motion was made by Sheryl Lauscher, supported by Andrew Fazer to hire Caleb Martin and Brenton Ayotte as Temporary Summer Help. Motion carried 5-0.** We will run an ad for Cemetery Sexton/Township Maintenance before the burial season begins. Bob Smith will take care of any burials we have until next spring.
9. Public Comment- Ray Gurgall would like to go on record that he is very dissatisfied with the road repair that was done on Vega Road and he does not want the Township to use chip seal for any future repairs. He was happy that board members took action to try to stop the Vega Road chip seal.
10. Board Comment- Marck Schoen said that someone wants to rent the Lake Pavilion for a party. He also said that the picnic tables for that pavilion need to be finished this fall. It was brought up that we should have a fee for use of that Pavilion. **A Motion was made by Andrew Fazer, supported by Sheryl Lauscher to charge \$50 in advance of a rental. This deposit will be returned if the Pavilion is left in good condition. Motion carried 5-0.**

11. Board Comment- Andrew said he spoke with Mark Whitens and he is hoping that he and Beth can meet with Mark soon to get the new website up and running. The old website is working again. Andrew also wanted to remind everyone about the Rescue Squad Pancake Breakfast this Sunday morning.
12. Board Comment- Beth reminded everyone that there is a Meyer Township Fire Department millage renewal election on November 5th. This is the how the Fire Department gets all of it's funding. A renewal will not raise your taxes. Please get out and vote on November 5th!
13. Adjournment- There being no further business before the Board a Motion was made to adjourn at 7:21 pm by Andrew Fazer, supported by Mark Schoen. Motion carried, 5-0.