CONVIS TOWNSHIP BOARD
Minutes of 09 February 2010 Regular Meeting
Convis Township Hall; 19500 15 Mile Road; Marshall

Call to Order: Supervisor Schafer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, with the pledge to the flag, and announcement that the meeting was being recorded. Board Members Present: Supervisor J. Schafer, Clerk M. McCleary, Treasurer D. Wilson, Trustee R. Harvey; Absent: Trustee J. Huggett; 4 public attendees.

Agenda & Minutes: Supervisor Schafer presented agenda, approved as presented. Motion by Harvey, supported by Wilson (Harvey/ Wilson) to approve minutes of 12 January 2010 Regular Township Board Meeting; voting yes, in support: Harvey, Wilson, Schafer, McCleary; voting no, opposed: none; motion carried. Minutes accepted as written.

Public Comments (3 min)**:** None offered.

Sheriff Report: Calhoun County Deputy Madsen reported the past month has been uneventful; noted it is a Michigan law requires drivers to slow down and signal to change traffic lanes when emergency vehicles are at the side of the road; no significant problems; report on file.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Bldg., Mechanical, Plumbing, Electrical, Zoning Inspectors—Supervisor Schafer opened discussion to the Board; Clerk McCleary felt SCMCCI adequately performs inspections for the volume of construction in Convis Township, Treasurer Wilson agreed; Trustee Harvey felt SCMCCI was adequate at this time, if it was determined in the future other options should be considered, a committee should be formed to find other alternatives; Supervisor Schafer felt SCMCCI is our best option at this time for the various paperwork involved in the inspection areas; motion by Schafer, supported by Harvey (Schafer/ Harvey) to retain SCMCCI for inspections until that time Convis Township decides to hire its own inspectors and purchase necessary software; voting yes, in support: Schafer, Harvey, Wilson, McCleary; voting no, opposed: none; motion carried. Steve Buller, independent inspector, was thanked for his input and attending the past Township Board meetings.

Housing Law of Michigan-Adoption of Ordinance—Supervisor Schafer opened discussion on the issue; decision was made to hold a Public Hearing for opinions on adoption of a Housing Law of Michigan Ordinance at the April 2010 Township Board meeting.

Reschedule Budget Workshop Date—As the board members are attending the Citizen Planner classes on Thursday evenings; motion by Schafer, supported by Wilson (Schafer/ Wilson) to reschedule the budget workshop from Thursday, February 11, 2010 to Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at 5:30 pm at the Convis Township Hall; voting aye, in support: 4; noting nay, opposed: none; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bellevue First Responders Contract – Motion by Supervisor Schafer, supported by Wilson (Schafer/ Wilson) to accept the Bellevue Township First Responder contract for the fiscal year 2010 remaining at the rate of $200.00 per run; voting yes, in support: Schafer, Wilson, Harvey, McCleary; voting no, opposed: none; motion carried.

Deputy Assessor/Field Work Administrator– Treasurer Wilson opened the discussion with the Assessor's request for a Deputy to assist in updating the Convis Township land records and to learn Assessor responsibilities to fulfill the duties in her absence, Supervisor Schafer noted the State of Michigan has been conducting audits of Townships and the fines are costly if the records are not up to date; motion by Schafer, supported by Wilson (Schafer/ Wilson) to hire a Deputy for the Assessor at $150.00 per month; voting yes, in support: Schafer, Wilson, Harvey, McCleary; voting no, oppose: none; motion carried.

Bellevue Community Fire Truck– Trustee Harvey informed the Board of Bellevue Fire Department's final choice of a 2009 3500 gallon tanker to purchase for $280,000.00 from Spencer; motion by Schafer, supported

by Harvey (Schafer/ Harvey) to approve municipal payment of up to $80,000.00 to the Bellevue Community Fire Department for the new fire tanker truck; voting yes, in support: Schafer, Harvey, Wilson, McCleary; voting no, opposed: none; motion carried.

Budget Amendment—Clerk McCleary noted the approval at the January Board meeting of the Consolidated Dispatch 911 Center radio equipment created a budgeted shortage of the Fire Equipment acct. 101.336.933; motion by McCleay, supported by Schafer (McCleary/ Schafer) to approve Budget Amendment Resolution 2010-02-01 to transfer $5,000.00 from the Township Hall Capital Outlay account 101.249.975 to the Fire Equipment account; voting yes, in support: McCleary, Schafer, Wilson, Harvey; voting no, opposed: none; motion carried, now Budget Resolution 2010-02-01.

CORRESPONDENCE – None offered.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Treasurer Wilson reported interest rates are still down, winter tax collection ongoing with about 200 left to collect, BFI payments are coming in slow, renewed a CD at .16%; motion by Harvey, supported by McCleary (Harvey/ McCleary) to accept the Treasurer's report as printed; voting yes, in support: Harvey, McCleary, Schafer, Wilson; voting no, opposed: none; motion carried.

PAY BILLS – Clerk McCleary reported two pending bills, Consumers Energy and AT&T, has not been received and the total due for payment is $38,435.16 with two pending; motion by Wilson, supported by Harvey (Wilson/ Harvey) to pay the bills as listed; voting yes, in support: Wilson, Harvey, Schafer, McCleary; voting no, opposed: none; motion carried.

COMMITTEE / TOWNSHIP REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

All representatives should be submitting a written report to the Clerk

SCMCCI (Building/Zoning Inspections) **–**Representative has distributed the SCMCCI new By-Laws and audit report to the Township Board, income is maintaining with slow business, current officers were reelected for the new year, office computers required maintenance; report on file.

Township Hall Custodian –Four rental days; flag light replaced; Hazmat trailer has been removed from the Fire Bay area; replaced one computer back up battery.

Cemetery Committee – Nothing to report.

Road Commission – J Bramble reported the Road Commission approved the budget; all roads to be tested for surface condition; the next Supervisor's meeting will be February 24 at 9:00 am, anyone welcome to attend; lease signed with Marengo township for the Community Re-cycle Program; new security windows installed at the Road Commission office; a suggestion was made by Commissioner Julie Camp to assess each parcel a "road tax: to obtain funds for road repairs; report on file.

Planning Commission –Regular meeting to be held on March 22, 2010 with a Public Hearing on some Ordinance Amendments.

Building Committee – Fire Bay doors scheduled to be installed on Wednesday, new office front doors scheduled for next Friday, Bosker Brick and electrician to be on site.

Fire Board –Next meeting on February 15.

Fire Liaison Officer – Trustee Harvey attended the Marshall Township Fire Board meeting; the new budget has been dropped by 20%.

Emergency Services Committee – No meeting scheduled.

MTA Co. Chapter –Nothing new to report.

Ambulance Authority – December and January were busy call months; budget on track for 2nd quarter; approved contribution for 10% of the preliminary cost to update plans for the relocation of the Marshall City Public Services Building; E-911 Center scheduled to start March 23, 2010; next meeting scheduled for February 18, 2010 at CISD.

Additional reports not listed on agenda: none offered.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS –MTA conference attended by three Board Members, had very informative sessions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (5 min)**:** Steve Buller noted to the Board he felt the Michigan Housing Law has good verbiage in regards to a dangerous building Ordinance, but overall the Municipal Code used by Battle Creek, Springfield and Pennfield Township is better.

Adjournment – Motion (Schafer/ Wilson) to adjourn; voice vote; 4 aye, in support; 0 nay, opposed; carried; meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Marilyn McCleary
Convis Township Clerk

Approved as Printed at the March 09, 2010 meeting of Convis Township Board
Corrections / amendments / revisions: none