CONVIS TOWNSHIP BOARD
Minutes of 13 April 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, and Trustee J. Huggett; Absent: none; 13 public attendees.

Agenda & Minutes: Supervisor Schafer presented agenda, noting Education was being added under new business. Motion by Wilson, supported by Harvey (Wilson/ Harvey) to approve minutes of 09 March 2010 Regular Township Board Meeting; voting yes, in support: Wilson, Harvey, Huggett, Schafer, McCleary; voting no, opposed: none; motion carried. Minutes accepted as written.

Public Comments (3 min)**:** Tony Warnke of 13579 R Drive North addressed the Board regarding a neighborhood scrap metal business in operation; he currently has his home on 20 acres for sale and prospective buyers have complained about the possible decline of value in the area, the business is a father/son operation on both sides of R Drive North with no fencing to enclose the junk which accumulates to the side of the road; Deputy Madsen noted they are in zoning ordinance violation and process steps have been initiated; Supervisor Schafer also noted the issue is to be addressed.

Sheriff Report: Calhoun County Deputy Madsen reported he had made contact with the wife of the scrap business owner on R Drive N and informed her of the ordinance violation, continuing to monitor and attempt contact with the father/ son of the operation; new signs are at Ackley Lake, but "no gas motors" has not been added, he will contact DNR to address this before boating season begins; scrap dealers are back in the area, advised the public to be aware of anyone trespassing on your property; report on file. Resident R. Petty asked about reported B&E's, Deputy Madsen responded there was only one which is being investigated.

PUBLIC HEARING ON HOUSING LAW OF MICHIGAN ORDINANCE

Supervisor Schafer opened the Public Hearing on the Housing Law of Michigan Ordinance at 7:13 pm with a request for public comment. Supervisor Schafer noted the ordinance is being considered to allow the Township means to address buildings in a condition that are a threat to the health and safety of area residents. Planning Commission Chair, L. Holcomb, noted he has such a barn on newly purchased property and it will be torn down, he thanked the Board for working on the issue. The Public Hearing was closed at 7: 15 pm and the regular Board meeting was reconvened.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Housing Law of Michigan-Adoption of Ordinance 04-01-2010—Motion made by Huggett, supported by Harvey (Huggett/ Harvey) to adopt the Convis Township Housing Law of Michigan Ordinance 04-01-2010;voting yes, in support: Huggett, Harvey, Wilson, Schafer, McCleary; voting no, opposed: none; Ordinance 04-01-2010 adopted.

Lawn Mowing Bids for 2010–Trustee Harvey had spoken with current provider, Gardenscapes, on the 2010 proposal changes from 2009; per month charge of $30.00 from per season charge of $75.00 for edging and per month charge of $50.00 from per season charge of $75.00 for weed control, a maximum number of 3 times for each was agreed on; motion by Harvey, supported by Wilson (Harvey/ Wilson) to retain Gardenscapes for Township Hall lawn care for 2010; voting yes, in support: Harvey, Wilson, Huggett, Schafer, McCleary; voting no, opposed: none; motion carried. Trustee Harvey spoke on the Gardenscapes proposal of $3,950.00 for clearing, grading and seeding around the newly cleared areas; other bids may be obtained for comparison, to be considered at next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Deputy Clerk Position–Motion by Clerk McCleary, supported by Wilson (McCleary/ Wilson) to approve the publication advertisement for a new Deputy Clerk; voting aye, in support: 5; voting nay, opposed: none; motion carried.

Education– Supervisor Schafer announced a Small Scale Renewable Energy Systems workshop will be held in Marshall April 29, 2010; motion by Schafer, supported by Wilson (Schafer/ Wilson) to approve payment of

$75.00 per person for any Board member, Deputies and Planning Commission member wanting to attend; voting yes, in support: Schafer, Wilson, Huggett, Harvey, McCleary; voting no, opposed: none; motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE – Clerk McCleary noted the fliers for collection dates and times of household hazardous waste, tires, appliances and electronics are posted in the lobby.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Treasurer Wilson renewed one CD at 1.75%; motion by Huggett, supported by Harvey (Huggett/ Harvey) to accept the Treasurer's report as printed; voting yes, in support: Huggett, Harvey, Wilson, Schafer, McCleary; voting no, opposed: none; motion carried.

PAY BILLS – Clerk McCleary reported one pending bill, Consumers Energy, has not been received and the total due for payment is $22,602.99 with one pending; motion by Wilson, supported by Harvey (Wilson/ Harvey) to pay the bills as listed; voting yes, in support: Wilson, Harvey, Huggett, 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) **–**Meeting was not attended; report on file.

Township Hall Custodian –Three rental days; requested three new large flags; motion by Schafer, supported by McCleary (Schafer/ McCleary) to approve payment not to exceed $275.00 for three new flags; voting yes, in support: Schafer, McCleary, Harvey, Wilson, Huggett; voting no, opposed: none; motion carried.

Cemetery Committee – Nothing to report.

Road Commission – J Bramble reported the Road Commission will try to do two miles in each township if funds are matched; employees working 10 hour days; Managing Director on vacation for April 7 meeting; report on file.

Planning Commission –Nothing to report.

Building Committee – Nothing to report.

Fire Board –Next meeting on April 19, the budget has been completed.

Fire Liaison Officer – Marshall Township Fire Board meeting was cancelled today.

Emergency Services Committee – No meeting scheduled.

MTA Co. Chapter –The quarterly meeting was held March 16, 2010 at Marengo Township; the topic was Calhoun County road repair and maintenance and road tax; several representatives of local and state government were in attendance and spoke on the subject of roads; the previous slate of officers agreed to continue serving and were voted in unanimously; a quarterly meeting schedule was also agreed on; next meeting is June 15, 2010, 7:00 pm at Bedford Township; report on file.

Ambulance Authority – Activity volume was down for February from 2008-2009 levels; continuing work on the budget, hearing to be held May 20, 2010; LDFA has contributed $4,000.00 to MAFFAA; next meeting scheduled for April 15, 2010 at CISD; report on file.

Additional reports not listed on agenda: none offered.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS –None offered.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (5 min)**:** J. Bramble commented on Road Commission map of proposed roads to be changed to gravel; also on any possible increased charges for the new 911 Dispatch Center operation.

Adjournment – Motion (Schafer/ Wilson) to adjourn; voice vote; 4 aye, in support; 0 nay, opposed; carried; meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Marilyn McCleary
Convis Township Clerk

Approved as Printed at the May 12, 2010 meeting of Convis Township Board
Corrections / amendments / revisions: none