CONVIS TOWNSHIP BOARD
Minutes of 08 June 2010 Regular Meeting
Convis Township Hall; 19500 15 Mile Road; Marshall, MI

Call to Order: Supervisor Schafer called the meeting to order at 7:02 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; 9 public attendees.

Agenda & Minutes: Supervisor Schafer presented agenda, approved as presented. Motion by Wilson, supported by Harvey (Wilson/ Harvey) to approve minutes of 11 May 2010 Regular Township Board Meeting with correction of MTA Chapter meeting to be held June 17, 2010; voting yes, in support: Wilson, Harvey, Huggett, Schafer, McCleary; voting no, opposed: none; motion carried. Minutes accepted as corrected.

Public Comments (3 min)**:** Judy Robinson, representative of Centerline Gun Club, spoke of the involvement with 4-H groups; there is to be a State gun shoot competition held in August 2010, public is welcome to attend.

Sheriff Report: Calhoun County Deputy Madsen was unable to attend the meeting; report on file.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Landscape Proposals—Trustee Harvey reported on bids obtained from First Choice, $2,000.00 and R & S Tree Service , $3,200.00, for the tree and stump removal for the cleared areas; motion made by Harvey, supported by Wilson (Harvey/ Wilson) to obtain First Choice for the tree and stump removal at $2,000.00 and LaFleur Landscape for the spraying, mowing, seeding, and mulch at $7,713.00 per the proposal; voting yes, in support: Harvey, Wilson, Huggett, Schafer, McCleary; voting no, opposed: none; motion carried.

2010 Local Road Program–Supervisor Schafer reported calls to the Calhoun County Road Commission have not been returned in regards to the proposal for the requested work on Q Drive North; motion made by Schafer, supported by McCleary (Schafer/ McCleary) to adopt Resolution 2010-06-01 for removal of berm, sweeping of roadway, and resurface with 2.0" of 36A asphalt and strip of Q Drive North between 14 and 15 Mile Road to a maximum of $100,000.00 payable by Convis Township; voting yes, in support: Schafer, McCleary, Harvey, Wilson, Huggett; voting no, opposed: none; motion carried, Resolution 2010-06-01 adopted.

Ordinance 2010-04-01 Enforcement Officer—Supervisor Schafer has contacted Mike Farmer, the Enforcement Officer for Marshall Township, and he is interested in the position; he services other townships as well and charges a flat rate per job; an open meeting with the board is to be scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mobile Home CUP Renewal–Deputy Madsen has not made contact with William or Sharon Goble of 13421 P Drive North nor with the Grandmother, Mrs. Goble, the mobile home's listed occupant, the home is permitted to be on the property due to hardship with a yearly renewal; contact will be attempted again and taken up at the July 2010 Township Board meeting.

Motor Vehicle Storage Ordinance– Supervisor Schafer reported on the requested updated Convis Township Motor Vehicle Storage Ordinance submitted by Attorney John Macfarlane; additions include "unreasonable accumulation of junk" , "any motor vehicle without currently valid license plates displayed on such motor vehicle or which is uninsured for use upon the highways of this state for a period in excess of ten days" and "any motor vehicle which does not otherwise comply with the Michigan Vehicle Code"; after discussion by the board, it was decided not to hold a Public Hearing as the additions and changes were minor despite the "unreasonable accumulation of junk" statement being considered open to debate; motion Schafer, supported by Huggett (Schafer/ Huggett) to adopt the Convis Township Motor Vehicle Storage Ordinance 06-01 of 2010 which repeals Ordinance 1997-1; voting yes, in support: Schafer, Huggett, Wilson, Harvey, McCleary; voting no, opposed: none; motion carried, General Ordinance 06-01 of 2010 adopted.

BS&A Software Update—Treasurer Wilson reported Calhoun County is purchasing the .net version of BS&A software for Equalization, Drains, and Treasurer this year, the current version is 12 years old; motion by Huggett, supported by Harvey (Huggett/ Harvey) to purchase the BS&A software package for the Assessor and Treasurer at $3,150.00 per the proposal; voting yes, in support: Huggett, Harvey, Wilson, Schafer, McCleary; voting no, opposed: none; motion carried.

Planning Commission Reappointments—Motion made by Schafer, supported by Harvey (Schafer/ Harvey) to re-appoint Planning Commission members Larry Holcomb, Kathleen Johnson and Arnold Arquette for a two term expiring June 30, 2012; voting yes, in support: Schafer, Harvey, Huggett, Wilson, McCleary; voting no, opposed: none; motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE – Supervisor Schafer reported on correspondence received from Firekeepers Local Revenue Sharing Board regarding disbursement of funds to local governments, particularly the 5% presently unallocated; Convis Township, at the present time, has not recognized increased cost related to the casino.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Treasurer Wilson reported interest rates remain low; monies were invested in MultiBank Securities to the Host Community fund with a closed Bank of America CD and the 5% GRS funds, a 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 three pending bills; Consumers Energy, AT&T and All-Tronics have not been received and the total due for payment is $33,477.15 with three pending; motion by Wilson, supported by Schafer (Wilson/ Schafer) to pay the bills as listed; voting yes, in support: Wilson, Schafer, Huggett, Harvey, 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) **–**Permits applied for by Indian Reservation for 26 generators; office renovation slow; web-site now updated; Tuscola business slow, schools are happy with service; report on file.

Township Hall Custodian –Six rental days; meeting room carpet cleaned.

Cemetery Committee – New Veteran flags have arrived.

Road Commission – J. Bramble reported the Road Commission audit was OK; J Drive S bridge may be closed, MDOT to study and make a decision; discussion of purchasing a 10,000 gallon emollition tank for Dura patcher materials; hiring 12 temporary workers for summer jobs; report on file.

Planning Commission –L. Holcomb reported Russ Wicklund, Planning Consultant, to start input with Commission on participation in general land ordinance formation at the next meeting July 26, 2010 at 7:00 pm; Conditional Use Permit hearing to be held June 28, 2010 for proposed Cornwell Turkeyville 128 site campground.

Building Committee – R. Harvey to obtain estimates for repair and seal coating small areas in parking lot.

Fire Board –Bellevue Fire Board meeting later this month.

Fire Liaison Officer – Marshall Township Fire Board meeting today; 5 recent fire calls to Convis Township; discussion held on payments, Marshall Township to continue accepting insurance payments.

Emergency Services Committee – No meeting scheduled.

MTA Co. Chapter –Next meeting is June 17, 2010, 7:00 pm at Bedford Township.

Ambulance Authority – Activity volume continuing increase; budget hearing held with no comments, MAFFAA Appropriations Act adopted; E911 Consolidated Dispatch to add 1 full time and 2 part time positions; increase of 9.5% for employee health care insurance; next meeting scheduled for June 17, 2010 at CISD; report on file.

Additional reports not listed on agenda: none offered.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS –D. Wilson reported a 13 Mile Rd. resident has complained of an overgrown unkempt lawn at an area home, possible foreclosed and vacant.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (5 min)**:** L. Holcomb, a resident on Garfield Road, inquired about the Collard legal proceedings, Supervisor Schafer reported he is appealing the case; L. Holcomb expressed concern if vehicles in wetlands could be contaminating water going to Big Marsh Lake, DEQ would not check the area.

Adjournment – Motion (Schafer/ Wilson) to adjourn; voice vote; 5 aye, in support; 0 nay, opposed; carried; meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Marilyn McCleary
Convis Township Clerk

Approved as Printed at the July 13, 2010 meeting of the Convis Township Board
Corrections / amendments/ revisions: none