CONVIS TOWNSHIP BOARD
Minutes of 13 July 2010 Regular Meeting
Convis Township Hall; 19500 15 Mile Road; Marshall, MI

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; 16 public attendees.

Agenda & Minutes: Supervisor Schafer presented agenda noting the addition of Asphalt Bids under Unfinished Business. Motion by Wilson, supported by Huggett (Wilson/ Huggett) to approve minutes of 08 June 2010 Regular Township Board Meeting; voting yes, in support: Wilson, Huggett, Schafer, Harvey, McCleary; voting no, opposed: none; motion carried. Minutes accepted as written.

Public Comments (3 min)**:** Dru Kulish spoke on behalf of Mary Overley with the following requests regarding the Cornwell Turkeyville USA Campground CUP: all neighbors experiencing trouble with drinkable water, put it in writing; a copy of the CUP; if breaking and enterings occur from campers at the park, who will be liable for this, will Cornwell's be responsible; a privacy fence surrounding the site; Convis Township to adopt a noise ordinance; why are they putting in a campsite where it is not zoned for it.

Sheriff Report: Calhoun County Deputy Madsen noted there will be no written report this month as there has been a minor problem from Central Dispatch; ordinance violations seem to be better; there is currently a marijuana growing investigation in Convis Township.

Conditional Use Permit request by Alan Cornwell—Trustee Harvey opened the discussion noting the five conditions with the Planning Commission's recommendation for approval on June 28, 2010 as being listed on the revised drawing for review; clarification was made as to the error of listing the drive on 15 ½ Mile Road and not N Drive N as the drawing indicated. Paul Henderson of Roosien & Associates represented the Cornwell family. He noted the items of dates of operation will be 12 months depending on occupancy; the boundary lines indicated on the drawing of the campsite will be posted; security and quiet time of 10:00 pm to 8:00 am will be monitored by staff on a 24 hour basis; a revised site plan map was presented correcting the drive listing. Treasurer Wilson inquired if RV's would be on the campsite during the winter months; B. Cornwell stated the seasonal RV's would be stored in a building if desired. Motion by Schafer, supported by Harvey (Schafer/ Harvey) to grant the Conditional Use Permit for Cornwell's Turkeyville USA Campground with the conditions recommended by the Planning Commission for the boundary lines to be posted and any revised site plans provided to the Township Board; voting yes, in support: Schafer, Harvey, Huggett, Wilson, McCleary; voting no, opposed: none; motion carried, Conditional Use Permit granted.

Conditional Use Permit request by Ben Santora—Supervisor Schafer reported the Planning Commission on July 12, 2010 recommended for approval the Conditional Use Permit for Ben Santora of 23512 12 1/2 Mile Road, Battle Creek, MI to install a Windspire wind energy turbine system at his residence of 47 acres; Trustee Harvey noted the conditions being SCMCCI would be conducting inspections throughout the construction process according to the Convis Township Zoning Ordinance Section 10.34; Clerk McCleary inquired of B. Santora if there were any electrical lines around the planned site, Mr. Santora replied the power lines were buried when he constructed his pole barn; motion by Schafer, supported by Huggett (Schafer/ Huggett) to grant the Conditional Use Permit for Ben Santora with the conditions of inspections by SCMCCI; voting yes, in support: Schafer, Huggett, Wilson, Harvey, McCleary; voting no, opposed: none; motion carried, Conditional Use Permit granted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Enforcement Officer—Supervisor Schafer reported Mike Farmer is interested in the Building Enforcement Officer position, this issue is moved to the September Board meeting allowing M. Farmer time to clear his schedule.

Wm. Goble CUP Renewal–Supervisor Schafer noted the Wm. & Sharon Goble Mobile Home Conditional Use Permit due to hardship as being at renewal; Deputy Madsen was asked if he had confirmed the resident hardship condition; Deputy Madsen had spoken with an occupant of the mobile home and was told Grandmother Goble was currently in a nursing home and has been for some time; Supervisor Schafer will write the Goble's informing them the Conditional Use Permit will be terminated due to non-compliance and the mobile home should be removed.

Asphalt Bids—Trustee Harvey obtained bids from Asphalt Solutions Plus for repair of the Township Hall parking lot as well as the drives in Austin and Porter Cemeteries; motion by Schafer, supported by Wilson (Schafer/ Wilson) to accept proposal of Asphalt Solutions Plus not to exceed $11, 000.00 for repair of the Township Hall parking lot; voting yes, in support: Schafer, Wilson, Huggett, Harvey, McCleary; voting no, opposed: none; motion carried. (**Proposal quote**-crack repair $250.00, sealcoating $3500.00, line marking $585.00, rebuild two manholes $5000.00 and repair between concrete and asphalt $1500.00)
Motion by Wilson, supported by Harvey (Wilson/ Harvey) to accept proposal of Asphalt Solutions Plus for paving overlay and curbing at the south entrance of Austin Cemetery for $5500.00; voting yes, in support: Wilson, Harvey, Huggett, Schafer, McCleary; voting no, opposed: none; motion carried.
Motion by Huggett, supported by McCleary to accept proposal of Asphalt Solutions Plus for crack repair and sealcoating at Porter Cemetery for $2850.00; voting yes, in support: Huggett, McCleary, Wilson, Schafer, Harvey; voting no, opposed: none; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Larry Holcomb ZBA Term–Motion by Schafer, supported by Wilson (Schafer/ Wilson) to approve the appointment of Larry Holcomb to a 3 year term on the Zoning Board of Appeals to expire June 30, 2013; voting yes, in support: Schafer, Wilson, Huggett, Harvey, McCleary; voting no, opposed: none; motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE – None offered.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Treasurer Wilson reported tax season has begun; a poor performance CD from Flagstar Bank was closed; 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 the billing, $41,000.00, from Bellevue Fire Control Board was received for our portion of the new fire truck chassis and one pending bill, Consumers Energy, has not been received; the total due for payment is $66,706.94 with one pending; motion by Schafer, supported by Wilson (Schafer/ Wilson) to pay the bills as listed; voting yes, in support: Schafer, Wilson, 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) **–**No meeting in June.

Township Hall Custodian –Eight rental days; preventive maintenance done on air conditioning unit; meeting room carpets were cleaned.

Cemetery Committee – Nothing to report.

Road Commission – J. Bramble reported the Road Commission boardroom remodeling started; purchased four new Ford pick-up trucks; sealcoating projects in northern county completed; two new mechanics hired; Revenue Sharing of $330,000.00 received; Casino funds of $274,486.00 slated to improve 11 Mile Rd., Emmett and Newton Townships do not like gravel roads; report on file.

Planning Commission –Next meeting July 26, 2010 at 7:00 pm.

Building Committee – Brush hog work completed on front project; stump removal work to start tomorrow.

Fire Board –Meeting held on June 21, 2010; Bellevue Village still unhappy about new tanker truck; next meeting in August.

Fire Liaison Officer – No Marshall Township Fire Board meeting this month.

Emergency Services Committee – No meeting scheduled.

MTA Co. Chapter –Next meeting is September 21, 2010, 7:00 pm at Marshall Township.

Ambulance Authority – Activity volume has increased; budget amendment approved; approval given for purchase of radios for $4,919.85; discussions on Marshall Emergency Service building, review of funding options for the Calhoun County Central Dispatch Authority; next meeting scheduled for July 15, 2010 at CISD; report on file.

Additional reports not listed on agenda: none offered.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS –None offered.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (5 min)**:** None offered.

Adjournment – Motion (Schafer/ Wilson) to adjourn; voice vote; 5 aye, in support; 0 nay, opposed; carried; meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Marilyn McCleary
Convis Township Clerk

Approved as Printed at the August 10, 2010 meeting of Convis Township Board
Corrections / amendments / revisions: none