CONVIS TOWNSHIP BOARD
Minutes of 14 December 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, and Trustee R. Harvey; Absent: Trustee J. Huggett; 8 public attendees.

Agenda & Minutes: Supervisor Schafer presented agenda; approved as presented. Motion by Wilson, supported by Harvey (Wilson/ Harvey) to approve minutes of 09 November 2010 Regular Township Board Meeting; voting yes, in support: Wilson, Harvey, 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 there are still numerous car/deer accidents; please call if any animals are observed to be suffering due to the cold weather; report on file.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No Unfinished Business to Report—

NEW BUSINESS:

Conditional Use Permit Renewal–Motion by Schafer, supported by Wilson (Schafer/ Wilson) to approve the annual renewal of the Conditional Use Permit for Bernardus and Sonja Amtig of Amting Farms to have a mobile home for farm workers on the property at 17451 N Drive North, Marshall MI effective January 11, 2011 until January 11, 2012; voting yes, in support: Schafer, Wilson, Harvey, McCleary; voting no, opposed: none; motion carried.

Proposed Amendments to Convis Township Subdivision/Site Condominium Ordinance— Trustee Harvey noted a public hearing was held at the Planning Commission meeting in November and they voted to recommend approval of the amendments; motion by Harvey, supported by Schafer to adopt Convis Township Subdivision/Site Condominium Ordinance 2010-12-01; voting yes, in support: Harvey, Schafer, Wilson, McCleary; voting no, opposed: none; motion carried. Ordinance 2010-12-01 adopted.

Budget Amendments: Clerk McCleary reported several accounts have a current negative balance: Treasurers Computer Support account, Treasurers Membership & Dues account, and the Austin and Porter Cemetery maintenance accounts due to the asphalt work done on the cemetery drives; with Board discussion the following changes were made:

> **Resolution 2010-12-01—**Motion by McCleary, supported by Harvey (McCleary/ Harvey) to increase the Treasurer Computer Support account, 101.253.940, by $1,500.00 for an amended budget of $5,500.00 and to decrease the Assessor Supplies Expense account, 101.209.803, by $1,500.00 for an amended budget of $4,500.00; voting yes, in support: McCleary, Harvey, Wilson, Schafer; voting no, opposed: none; motion carried.
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> **Resolution 2010-12-02—**Motion by McCleary, supported by Schafer (McCleary/ Schafer) to increase the Treasurer Membership & Dues account, 101.253.958, by $25.00 for an amended budget of $325.00 and to decrease the Clerk Membership & Dues account, 101.215.958, by $25.00 for an amended budget of $275.00; voting yes, in support: McCleary, Schafer, Wilson, Harvey; voting no, opposed: none; motion carried.
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> **Resolution 2010-12-03—**Motion by Schafer, supported by McCleary (Schafer/ McCleary) to increase the Austin Cemetery Maintenance account, 101.276.8061, by $3,500.00 for an amended budget of $11,000.00 and to decrease the Twp. Hall Repair & Maintenance account, 101.249.806, by $3,500.00 for an amended budget of $6,500.00; voting yes, in support: Schafer, McCleary, Wilson, Harvey; voting no, opposed: none; motion carried.

Resolution 2010-12-04—Motion by Schafer, supported by Harvey (Schafer/ Harvey) to increase the Porter Cemetery Maintenance account, 101.276.8062, by $500.00 for an amended budget of $8,000.00 and to decrease the Twp. Hall Repair & Maintenance account, 101.249.806, by $500.00 for an amended budget of $6,000.00; voting yes, in support: Schafer, Harvey, Wilson, McCleary; voting no, opposed: none; motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE – Supervisor Schafer noted Charles Monaweck is seeking support at the Calhoun County Commission meeting to retain his seat on the Calhoun County Road Commission.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Treasurer Wilson reported interest rates remain low; winter tax collection has started and been busy; motion by Harvey, supported by McCleary (Harvey/ McCleary) to accept the Treasurer's report as printed; voting yes, in support: Harvey, McCleary, Wilson, Schafer; voting no, opposed: none; motion carried.

PAY BILLS – Clerk McCleary reported 1 pending bill from Consumers Energy; the total due for payment as listed is $28,423.84; motion by Wilson, supported by Schafer (Wilson/ Schafer) to pay the bills as listed; voting yes, in support: Wilson, Schafer, 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) **–**Business is slow; Athens office renovation moving slowly, problem with roof trusses; inspection fees to increase at Athens office from $79.00 to $83.00; inspection fees to be $90.00 at Tuscola; discussion regarding Tuscola office personnel insurance.

Township Hall Custodian –Four rental days last month; Metzger's returned to complete circuit board.

Cemetery Committee – Nothing to report.

Road Commission – J. Bramble reported the Road Commission has 36 employees on a day shift and 12 on night shift; budget planning is underway; Deputy Madsen offered to provide a report next spring on the condition of Convis Township roads.

Planning Commission –Next meeting 4th Monday of January, 2011 at 7:00 pm.

Building Committee –Trustee Harvey expressed interest in seeking bids for township hall lawn care for 2011.

Fire Board –Bellevue Fire Board held a special meeting; the insurance company has been changed for a cost savings of $9,000.00; new fire truck chassis is ready; starting January 2011 they will have monthly meetings to establish the budget.

Fire Liaison Officer – Marshall Township Fire Board meeting-nothing to report.

Emergency Services Committee – No meeting scheduled.

MTA Co. Chapter –Meeting at Convis Township with Christmas pot-luck dinner on December 8, 2010 had a presentation by Jeff Troyer of Consolidated Dispatch Center; report on file.

Ambulance Authority –Meeting held on November 18, 2010; if patient condition warrants, runs are now direct to Kalamazoo hospitals; currently have a net revenue of $192,533.27 due to the Enbridge oil spill, $150,000.00 designated for a new ambulance; call volume is over the 2009 level by 416 runs, considering a third full time ambulance; next meeting January 20, 2011 at 5:30 pm 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; 4 aye, in support; 0 nay, opposed; carried; meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Marilyn McCleary
Convis Township Clerk

Approved as Printed at the January 11, 2011 meeting of Convis Township Board
Corrections / amendments / revisions: None