CONVIS TOWNSHIP BOARD
Minutes of 12 April 2011 Regular Meeting
Convis Township Hall; 19500 15 Mile Road; Marshall, MI

Call to Order: Supervisor Schafer called the meeting to order at 7:03 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 J. Huggett and Trustee R. Harvey; Absent: none; 11 public attendees.

Agenda & Minutes: Supervisor Schafer presented agenda; accepted as presented. Motion by Wilson, supported by Harvey (Wilson/ Harvey) to approve minutes of 08 March 2011 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)**:** None offered.

Sheriff Report: Calhoun County Deputy Madsen reported individuals have been along roads picking up scrap metal; noted per his report the Michigan Law stating a misdemeanor or civil citation can be mailed to an offender; he gave his road condition assessment gathered from his tours; J. Bramble commented the roads listed were all primary roads; report on file.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Township Hall Security—Deputy Madsen will contact Battle Creek Glass Works to procure an estimate for security windows at the front lobby area.

NEW BUSINESS:

Planning Commission Appointments—Motion by Schafer, supported by McCleary (Schafer/ McCleary) to reappoint Rick Harvey and Doug Dowding to the Planning Commission for a three year term ending June of 2014; voting yes, in support: Schafer, McCleary, Huggett, Wilson, Harvey; voting no, opposed: none; motion carried.

MTA Worker's Compensation Self-Insurance Fund—Clerk McCleary noted information received from the MTA/WCSIF representative and the estimated annual savings would be $637.13; motion by Harvey, supported by Schafer (Harvey/ Schafer) to obtain the MTA/ WCSIF insurance beginning in June of 2011; voting yes, in support: Harvey, Schafer, Huggett, Wilson, McCleary; voting no, opposed: none; motion carried.

2011 Spring Tire and Appliance Collection—Supervisor Schafer reviewed the flyers received from Calhoun County Solid Waste Department; motion by Schafer, supported by McCleary (Schafer/ McCleary) to name Trustee Huggett as representative in charge of the 2011 Spring Tire and Appliance Collection on April 28th and 29th with payment at $8.00 per hour for workers; voting yes, in support: Schafer, McCleary, Huggett, Wilson, Harvey; voting no, opposed: none; motion carried.

Calhoun County Central Dispatch Resolution—The Resolution from Marshall Township was reviewed and discussed by the board; motion by Harvey, supported by Schafer (Harvey/ Schafer) to submit a letter of recommendation to the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners with the following preference of options from the Calhoun County Consolidated Dispatch Authority: 1. option III, workload % dispatch service charge; 2. option II, call for service fee; 3. option I, 40% population/ 60% calls for service; 4. option 4, all device surcharge; voting yes, in support: Harvey, Schafer, Huggett, Wilson, McCleary; voting no, opposed: none; motion carried.

Ott Preserve Feedback—Supervisor Schafer asked the audience for any opinions on the Ott Preserve they feel should be forwarded to the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners, none was offered.

CORRESPONDENCE – Supervisor Schafer noted correspondence received for a municipal zoning and planning seminar; motion by Schafer, supported by Harvey to authorize payment for Board members, Planning Commission and ZBA members to attend the seminar on May 11, 2011 in Addison, MI; voting yes, in support: Schafer, Harvey, Huggett, Wilson, McCleary; voting no, opposed: none; motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Treasurer Wilson reported the interest rates remain low; two payments have been received from C&C Landfill; motion by Huggett, supported by McCleary (Huggett/ McCleary) to accept the Treasurer's report as printed; voting yes, in support: Huggett, McCleary, Wilson, Schafer, Harvey; voting no, opposed: none; motion carried.

PAY BILLS – Clerk McCleary reported one pending bill from Consumers Energy; bills include payment of 1st quarter of 2010 for fire protection by Marshall Township; payments as listed are $30,536.14; 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 cancelled.

Township Hall Custodian–Four rental days last month; new flags have been ordered; meeting room carpets were cleaned.

Cemetery Committee–Nothing to report.

Road Commission – The County roads are certified for MDOT miles; website has been upgraded; 640 tons of cold patch used; new trucks due in April; bids are out for office carpet; meeting scheduled with Enbridge to discuss damage reimbursement to the County; hot mix plants are scheduled to open in April; report on file.

Planning Commission –Meeting of March 28, 2011 had election of officers; nothing new to report.

Building Committee–Nothing new to report

Fire Board–Bellevue Fire Board held a budget meeting; next meeting Monday, April 18.

Fire Liaison Officer–Nothing to report.

MTA Co. Chapter –Meeting of March 24, 2011 at Marshall Township had 10 in attendance; District Director C. Sink noted most townships gained population from the Census report but with the overall loss in Michigan we will lose one US Representative; possibility of a $200 Million dollar Statutory Revenue Sharing availability; Art Kale, County Commissioner, reported they are working on a budget, anticipate a one million dollar loss in revenue sharing; Kevin Henning of the County Road Commission presented the program on the road projects for the next several years; report on file.

Ambulance Authority –The budget worksheet was reviewed; Convis Twp. had 13 ambulance runs in January and 14 runs in February; various plans were discussed for a new building; purchase approved for an annual support and maintenance agreement for the new defibrillators; next meeting April 21, 2011 at 5:30 pm at CISD; report on file.

Additional reports not listed on agenda: none offered.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS –Clerk McCleary noted correspondence received that Seventh-Day Adventist will be doing missionary visits during June, July and August of 2011 in Convis Township.

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 7:46 pm.

Marilyn McCleary
Convis Township Clerk

Approved as Printed at the May 10, 2011 meeting of Convis Township Board
Corrections / amendments / revisions: none