CONVIS TOWNSHIP BOARD
Minutes of 14 June 2011 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 J. Huggett and Trustee R. Harvey; Absent: none; 17 public attendees.

Agenda & Minutes: Supervisor Schafer presented agenda; accepted as presented. Motion by Wilson, supported by Huggett (Wilson/ Huggett) to approve minutes of 10 May 2011 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)**:** Steve Frisbie, our Calhoun County Board of Commission representative, spoke on the 911 funding forum. Options being considered are: a call for service fee plus a surcharge per device or a 100% surcharge per device. Based on historical call volume, Convis Township's fee for service could be $2,885.00 and up to $15.70 for the charge per device. A 100% surcharge per device option would be up to $3.00 for all Calhoun County residents. He would like to receive opinions on this issue as well as any for the Calhoun County Planning & Development as they are in the process of reviewing the County Master Plan.

Sheriff Report: Calhoun County Deputy Madsen reported B & E's have been occurring in townships and there has been an arrest; he will be taking a month leave of absence shortly and the area will be covered by a replacement; report on file.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Appointment to Planning Commission—Motion by Schafer, supported by McCleary (Schafer/ McCleary) to appoint Jerry Messenger for a three year term to the Planning Commission; voting yes, in support: Schafer, McCleary, Huggett, Wilson, Harvey; voting no, opposed: none; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

None at this time—Supervisor Schafer noted the Conditional Use Permit for Thomas Carr at 12851 N Drive N is due to expire on June 10, 2011, this is for a mobile home on the property for his mother; the conditions are for an annual renewal upon inspection for compliance of residency; Officer Madsen reported it is in compliance; motion by R. Harvey, supported by J. Huggett (Harvey/ Huggett) to renew the CUP for one year; voting yes in support: Harvey, Huggett, Wilson, Schafer, McCleary; voting no, opposed: none; motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE –Clerk McCleary noted an email from MTA was distributed regarding office space availability for State Police personnel due to the closure of state police posts due to budget cuts, a consensus of the board was in favor of offering space at Convis Township; further info will be gathered.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Treasurer Wilson reported the April payment received from C&C Landfill; summer tax bills to be printed Wednesday; 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 late bill received from Harvey Construction for tree removal and cleanup at the township hall for $1,050.00; payments as listed total $31,652.32; motion by Wilson, supported by Huggett (Wilson/ Huggett) to pay the bills as listed; voting yes, in support: Wilson, Huggett, 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) **–**Athens has contracted with Firekeepers Casino for inspections on the hotel construction, this is reported to be a 14 month project.

Township Hall Custodian–Five rental days last month; meeting room carpets were cleaned.

Cemetery Committee–Storm damage at Porter Cemetery of three large trees on fence sections, used SCC of Bellevue for equipment to remove the trees; calls are in to 3 fence companies for estimates on repairs; Trustee Harvey inquired about storm damaged tombstones at Austin Cemetery, bids are to be obtained for repair.

Road Commission – The first meeting had 25 Leroy Township residents present with questions on road funding Director Henning explained and answered questions; primary road work funding decreased due to increased local road funding to $548,500.00;discussion about Shafer Cement and Albion road damage; compost center open every day for tree debris from May storm damage; report on file.

Planning Commission- Next meeting on July 25, 2011; nothing new to report.

Building Committee–Due to storm damage bids will be obtained for stump removal and lawn repair; other building issues are on hold.

Fire Board–Bellevue Fire Board next meeting is Monday, June 20.

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

MTA Co. Chapter –Next meeting is 7:00 pm on June 23, 2011 at Albion Township; speakers will be House members Kate Segal, Jase Bolger and either Senator Mike Nofs or Greg Moore from his office.

Ambulance Authority –The 2011-2012 General Appropriation Act was approved; motion passed to discontinue current health care provider and establish a flexible spending account with payroll deductions funding; office furniture donated from State Farm; KCC student to be working as a paid medical billing intern; new ambulance to be in service in June, the old ambulance was sold to Life Care for $1,500.00; new building planning continues; report on file.

Additional reports not listed on agenda: none offered.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS –None offered.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (5 min)**:** State Senator Nofs spoke on the pending legislation regarding a new International Bridge to Canada; the current bridge goes directly into Windsor where the new 10 lane bridge would go south of Windsor; the trade unions and the Big 2 are in favor of the new bridge; bids for the 550 million cost would go out to private investors and contractors; the proposed payment plan is after tolls pay back the investors and Canada they would be used to maintain the bridge.

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 July 12, 2011 meeting of Convis Township Board
Corrections / amendments / revisions: none