CONVIS TOWNSHIP BOARD
Minutes of 12 July 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; 8 public attendees.

Agenda & Minutes: Supervisor Schafer presented agenda; accepted as presented. Motion by Wilson, supported by Huggett (Wilson/ Huggett) to approve minutes of 14 June 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)**:** Jerry Messenger inquired if the continuation of the police protection contract had been reviewed; Supervisor Schafer responded that it was a 5 year contract. He asked if he could obtain a copy and it has been provided to him.

Sheriff Report: Calhoun County Deputy Lincoln reported Convis Twp. had 59 calls with 2 residential alarms; a breaking and entering suspect has been arrested.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Platt Books--Motion by Schafer, supported by Wilson (Schafer/ Wilson) to purchase 25 new Platt books at a cost of $25.00 each for board members, their deputies, Planning Commission members, ZBA members, BOR members, assessor and some for sale to township residents; voting yes in support: Schafer, Wilson, Huggett, Harvey, McCleary; voting no, opposed: none; motion carried.

Aerial Maps with Overlay—Motion by Schafer, supported by Huggett (Schafer/ Huggett) to purchase a new aerial map with overlay for the assessor at a cost of $360.00; voting yes, in support: Schafer, Huggett, Wilson, Harvey, McCleary; voting no, opposed: none; motion carried.

Bellevue Fire Board Billing—Supervisor Schafer reported it is under discussion by the Bellevue Fire Board to institute a plan of increasing the quarterly payments by $750.00 for fire runs in the designated area of Convis Township, this would eliminate the billing to property owners where the fire occurred.

Winchell Lawn Bid—Motion by Harvey, supported by Huggett (Harvey/ Huggett) to approve the bid of $5,800.00 from Winchell Lawn Care for removal of 17 storm damaged trees and stumps, topsoil and reseeding the northwest area of the hall grounds, and a tree removal on the north side of the grounds; voting yes, in support: Harvey, Huggett, Wilson, Schafer, McCleary; voting no, opposed: none; motion carried. Trustee Harvey also reported contact with Bruce Wilson on replacing the trees; quoted $125.00 each to purchase and $25.00 to $50.00 to move existing trees on the property.

CORRESPONDENCE –Supervisor Schafer noted our Assessor, Robyn Kulikowski, has an opening for a new fieldwork administrator; she would prefer someone currently at a Level 1 Assessor or interested in training for assessing.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Treasurer Wilson reported C&C Landfill payments have been current; summer tax collection has begun; 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 1 pending bill from Consumers Energy; payments as listed are $31,062.71; 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) **–**No meeting scheduled in June.

Township Hall Custodian–Eleven rental days last month; meeting room carpets cleaned; A/C maintenance completed; fan motor board replaced; front door lock failure corrected; Twp board authorized inquiry of free programmable thermostats from Consumers Energy.

Cemetery Committee–Porter Cemetery damaged fence estimates to be coming, tree clean-up not completed; damaged stones at Austin Cemetery to be reviewed next week.

Road Commission – Joe Bramble unable to attend tonight's meeting; report on file.

Planning Commission –Next meeting July 25, 2011 at 7:00 pm.

Building Committee–Building issues may be postponed until next year due to storm damage to grounds.

Fire Board–Fire billing discussed earlier.

Fire Liaison Officer–No meeting scheduled, currently working on mutual aid agreement.

MTA Co. Chapter –Meeting of June 23, 2011 at Albion Township had 27 in attendance; a motion was passed to charge each entity an annual fee of $25.00; the program had updates from St. Senator Mike Nofs, Paul Egnatuk for House Rep. Jase Bolger and Judy Robinson for House member Tim Walberg with a question and answer period following; Art Kale, County Commissioner, reported they are working on a budget and meeting with other counties seeking cost effective solutions; Julie Camp, County Commissioner spoke on the creation of a storm damage assessment data base; Al Bynum, Sheriff, noted pride in the efforts made to clean up storm damage; Kevin Henning of CCRC reported they are now on Facebook enabling a good response time; report on file.

Ambulance Authority –The Budget Amendment Resolution was passed; a flexible spending account was established; authorized the participation in a pre-tax premium plan with United Health care; a second design plan to be obtained for a new building; ambulance runs have increased by 174 in the past year; next meeting July 21, 2011 at 5:30 pm at CISD; report on file.

Additional reports not listed on agenda: none offered.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS –Trustee Harvey feels the Walnut Point violations of the Dangerous Building ordinance have consistently dragged on; motion by Harvey, supported by Schafer (Harvey/ Schafer) to move to the next step; voting yes, in support: Harvey, Schafer, Huggett, Wilson, McCleary; voting no, opposed: none; motion passed. Supervisor Schafer feels the board should look at establishing a Blight Ordinance as well.

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 7:35 pm.

Marilyn McCleary
Convis Township Clerk

Approved as Printed at the August 9, 2011 meeting of Convis Township Board
Corrections / amendments / revisions: none