CONVIS TOWNSHIP BOARD
Minutes of 13 September 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; 12 public attendees.

Agenda & Minutes: Supervisor Schafer presented agenda; modifying to add Building Painting under Unfinished Business. Motion by Wilson, supported by Harvey (Wilson/ Harvey) to approve minutes of 09 August 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 Convis Twp. had a busy month; properties have been checked for illegal growing operations; an investigation is ongoing into criminal conduct involving children; a travel trailer on private property has been asked to move; report on file.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Building Painting—Trustee Harvey reported on two proposals received, Quality Painters and Charlie's Wallpapering & Painting; Mike Bye of Quality Painters was in attendance and answered various questions from the board; motion by Harvey, supported by McCleary (Harvey/ McCleary) to accept the bid of Quality Painters, LLC for $7,200.00 to powerwash and paint the Convis Township Hall; voting yes, in support: Harvey, McCleary, Huggett, Wilson, Schafer; voting no, opposed: none; motion carried.

Blight Ordinance Workshop—The board discussed the options concerning a Blight Ordinance and it was determined to not pursue this ordinance at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 2011-09-01—Clerk McCleary noted an error had occurred in the budget calculations; motion by McCleary, supported by Schafer (McCleary/ Schafer) to transfer $2,200.00 from account 101.301.801 Police Protection to 101.345.702 Payroll-Code Enforcement Officer for Resolution 2011-09-01; voting yes, in support: McCleary, Schafer, Huggett, Wilson, Harvey; voting no, opposed: none; motion carried; Resolution 2011-09-01 adopted.

Austin Cemetery—Supervisor Schafer related the continuing problem of turkey buzzards roosting in the tree limbs over the Austin Cemetery fence and defecating on the surrounding tombstones; Trustee Huggett to contact the property owner for input of Convis Township purchasing the property on the south side of the cemetery.

Cemetery Monument Estimate—Motion by Huggett, supported by Harvey (Huggett/ Harvey) to allow $150.00 for Patten's Michigan Monument Co. to reset one monument at Porter Cemetery and $50.00 for the Sexton, Keith Rapp, to replace the foundation for the stone; voting yes, in support: Huggett, Harvey, Wilson, Schafer, McCleary; voting no, opposed: none; motion carried.

Snow Plowing Contract—Contact will be made with the previous contractor, Blain Cornwell, for interest in the 2011-2012 snow plowing contract.

CORRESPONDENCE –Supervisor Schafer noted an invitation received for the Michigan Audubon program on "Birders Soiree" at the Convis Twp. Hall October 7, 2011 at 6:30 pm and our Assessor, Robyn Kulikowski, has a new fieldwork administrator, Daniel Slone, who currently is a Level 1 Assessor.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Treasurer Wilson reported payments from Republic and GRS have been received; Citizen's Bank CD renewed; summer tax collection concludes tomorrow; 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 2 requests for payment added to report, none pending receipt; payments as listed are $61,616.59; 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) **–**No meeting scheduled in August.

Township Hall Custodian–Nine rental days last month; meeting room carpets cleaned; Metzger's repaired broken wire on the furnace; fresh air intakes cleaned, 80% plugged; new sweeper purchased.

Cemetery Committee–All issues attended to earlier.

Road Commission – Joe Bramble reported both meetings rescheduled, no notification; no report on file.

Planning Commission –Next meeting September 26, 2011 at 7:00 pm with a CUP hearing.

Building Committee–Topsoil for front area to be delivered Thursday; hall painting to start next week.

Fire Board–Mutual Aid agreement signed between Bellevue Fire and Marshall Twp. Fire Departments, both department to respond to structure fires.

Fire Liaison Officer–Next meeting October 11, 2011 at 5:30 pm.

MTA Co. Chapter –Next meeting September 22, 2011 at Eckford Community Hall at 7:00 pm.

Ambulance Authority – No meeting in August; Next meeting September 15, 2011 at 5:30 pm at CISD.

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 7:40 pm.

Marilyn McCleary
Convis Township Clerk

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