

**CONVIS TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
Minutes of 13 December 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 and Trustee R. Harvey.  
Absent: Trustee J. Huggett; 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 November 2011 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 have been many minor auto accidents, mainly car-deer accidents, and a few incidents of issues between landowners and hunters; report on file.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Snow Plowing Contract**—Supervisor Schafer reported the snow plowing contract for 2011-2012 at the rate of \$125.00 per plow at the Hall parking lot, \$45.00 per hundred lbs. of salt used and \$35.00 per plot at a Cemetery plot has been signed; motion by Schafer, supported by Wilson (Schafer/ Wilson) to accept the contract with Blain Cornwell; voting yes, in support: Schafer, Wilson, Harvey, McCleary; voting no, opposed: none; motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Amting CUP Renewal**—Motion by Schafer, supported by McCleary (Schafer/ McCleary) to approve the renewal of an annual conditional use permit for Bernardus and Sonja Amting at 17451 N Drive North, Marshall, MI for a mobile home used by farm workers for a one year term of January 11, 2012 until January 11, 2013; voting yes, in support: Schafer, McCleary, Wilson, Harvey; voting no, opposed: none; motion carried.

**Service Agreement for Insight Tabulator**—Motion by McCleary, supported by Harvey (McCleary/ Harvey) to contract with ElectionSource for an annual full service agreement on the Insight Tabulator at a cost of \$235.00; voting yes, in support: McCleary, Harvey, Wilson, Schafer; voting no, opposed: none; motion carried.

**Appointments to ZBA**—Motion by Schafer, supported by Wilson (Schafer/ Wilson) to appoint Heather Reniger and Jim Huggett to serve a three year term on the Convis Township Zoning Board of Appeals; voting yes, in support: Schafer, Wilson, Harvey, McCleary; voting no, opposed: none; motion carried.

**Appointment to Planning Commission**—Motion by Schafer, supported by Harvey (Schafer/ Harvey) to appoint Jeff Zanotti to serve a three year term on the Convis Township Planning Commission; voting yes, in support: Schafer, Harvey, Wilson, McCleary; voting no, opposed: none; motion carried.

**Bellevue Fire Board Equipment**—Supervisor Schafer reported the Bellevue Fire Board's Jaws of Life is quite outdated and not capable of working on newer vehicles, the replacement cost is approximately \$20,000.00; she would like the Township Board to consider a donation of all or part of the cost to replace the Jaws of Life.

**CORRESPONDENCE** –None offered.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Treasurer Wilson reported she had completed the budgeted 2011 Emergency Service Funds allocation from General Pool Funds to the CD funds with Fifth Third Bank, now there are 3 separate CD's of \$74,834.40 each; 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 one bill is pending receipt from Consumers Energy; payments as listed are \$21,056.21; motion by Schafer, supported by Wilson (Schafer/ Wilson) to pay the bills as listed; voting yes, in support: Schafer, Wilson, 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)** –There were financial discussions on moving funds into CD's; two representative to travel to southwest counties presenting information on forming their own authority; at Tuscola the school board is to petition the state of MI to continue inspections with SCMCCI.

**Township Hall Custodian**—Seven rental days last month; generator problem has resulted in various problems being discovered upon inspection by SCMCCI and Consumers Energy, Union Electric has been contacted.

**Cemetery Committee**—The trees adjacent to Austin Cemetery have been taken down.

**Road Commission** – Joe Bramble attended two meetings; the budget work has started; a new Road Commissioner is to be appointed shortly; report on file.

**Planning Commission** –Next meeting is January 23, 2012 at 7:00 pm.

**Building Committee**—R. Harvey reported his ongoing building inspection has found ice damaged gutters on the north side and some patch repair needed on the inside walls, quotes have been received by Hill's Eavestroughing Service and Quality Painters; motion by Harvey, supported by Schafer (Harvey/ Schafer) to accept the bid for \$475.00 by Hill's Eavestroughing Service to repair the damaged gutters and install new brackets; voting yes, in support: Harvey, Schafer, Wilson, McCleary; voting no, opposed: none; motion carried. Motion by Harvey, supported by Wilson (Harvey/ Wilson) to accept the bid for \$985.00 by Quality Painters to repair and paint walls in the lobby area; voting yes, in support: Harvey, Wilson, Schafer, McCleary; voting no, opposed: none; motion carried. Motion by Harvey, supported by Schafer (Harvey/ Schafer) to accept the bid for \$1,290.00 by Quality Painters to repair and paint walls and doors in the meeting room; voting yes, in support: Harvey, Schafer, Wilson, McCleary; voting no, opposed: none; motion carried. Motion by Harvey, supported by McCleary (Harvey/ McCleary) to accept the bid for \$440.00 by Quality Painters to paint the kitchen ceiling; voting yes, in support: Harvey, McCleary, Wilson, Schafer; voting no, opposed: none; motion carried.

**Fire Board**—Meeting will be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in January for discussion of the new budget.

**Fire Liaison Officer**—Meeting cancelled, nothing new to report.

**MTA Co. Chapter** –M. McCleary reported the potluck dinner at Convis Township was enjoyed by approximately 50 people in attendance; the election of officers for 2012 was held with the current officers being reinstated; the MTA State Conference Scholarship will run until December 14, 2011; next meeting March 22, 2012, 7:00 pm at the Calhoun County Commission Board room.

**Ambulance Authority** –D. Wilson reported the board reviewed the new building blueprints and construction bid advertising was agreed on; financing options for a new ambulance service facility was discussed; proposed employee health benefit policy was reviewed; next meeting December 15, 2011 at 5:30 pm at CISD.

**Additional reports not listed on agenda:** none offered.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS** –R. Harvey inquired if the Code Enforcement Officer planned to address the board regarding a Blight Ordinance at the January meeting, it was agreed upon to hear his comments at that time.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** (5 min): Steve Frisbie, our district Calhoun County Board Commissioner, spoke on the upcoming Calhoun County Road Commissioner appointment.

**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 10 January 2012 meeting of Convis Township Board  
Corrections / amendments / revisions: none