

**HANDY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, December 16, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Handy Township Board of Trustees was called to order in the Handy Township Boardroom by Supervisor Alverson at 7:00 P.M. Members present: Eisele, Shear and Munsell. Absent: Roddy. Also present: Township Attorney-Kehoe, Zoning Administrator-Call, Assistant Zoning Administrator-Flanary, SPARK-Marcia Gebarowski and residents: Mark Jonckheere, Reed Wilmot, Jacob Beddow, Melissa Laudek and Jeff Kassab. Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

**MOTION EISELE SUPPORT MUNSELL TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.**

**OPEN PUBLIC HEARING**

**MICHIGAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)**

**Funding for Vacant Township Land on West Grand River**

**4705-08-100-038, 4705-08-300-004, 4705-08-400-001, 4705-08-400-002,  
4705-08-400-003, 4705-08-400-005**

**MOTION EISELE SUPPORT SHEAR TO GO OUT OF REGULAR BUSINESS AND OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE MICHIGAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AT 7:01 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.**

Marcia Gebarowski explained purpose of grant. Discussion and questions from residents concerning uses of the funds, target of marketing, if bonds still owed and if buyers would duplicate work funded by the grant.

**CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING**

**MOTION EISELE SUPPORT MUNSELL TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING AND RETURN TO REGULAR BUSINESS SESSION AT 7:09 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.**

**OPEN SHOW CAUSE HEARING**

**Jacob & Frances Beddow, 7967 Colleen Dr.**

**Violation of Handy Township Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 2, Section 2.21 (D),  
Vehicle Repair in Residential Districts**

**MOTION EISELE SUPPORT SHEAR TO GO OUT OF REGULAR BUSINESS SESSION AND OPEN THE SHOW CAUSE HEARING FOR JACOB AND FRANCES BEDDOW ZONING VIOLATION AT 7:09 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.**

Mr. Beddow was in attendance and aware of the violations. Requested information on what steps he needs to take. Zoning administrator Call will assist in bringing him into compliance, any vehicles which are licensed, he would need copies of license and insurance.

**CLOSE SHOW CAUSE HEARING  
MOTION EISELE SUPPORT MUNSELL TO CLOSE SHOW CAUSE  
HEARING AND RETURN TO REGULAR BUSINESS AT 7:14 P.M.  
MOTION CARRIED.**

Brief Public Comments

No comments from the public.

Minutes

Handy Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2019

**MOTION EISELE SUPPORT MUNSELL TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF  
NOVEMBER 18, 2019 AS AMENDED. (AMENDED COPY WAS DISTRIBUTED  
TO BOARD PRIOR TO MEETING.) MOTION CARRIED.**

**EXPENDITURES**

A) Approval of Bills

Bills for December 16, 2019 in the amount of \$53,151.64 were presented for approval of payment.

**MOTION SHEAR SUPPORT MUNSELL TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE  
BILLS FOR DECEMBER 16, 2019 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$53,151.64 FROM  
THE APPROPRIATE ACCOUNTS. MOTION CARRIED.**

Pending Business

A) Sewer Report

a. Update: Utility Billing Clerk Training

Reviewed report from Clerk. Recommendation to continue training through January 31, 2020.

**MOTION SHEAR SUPPORT MUNSELL TO EXTEND THE TEMPORARY PAY  
INCREASE TO THE CLERK FOR TRAINING OF THE UTILITY BILLING  
CLERK THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2020. MOTION CARRIED.**

b. Sewer Plant Update

Supervisor Alverson gave update: rag machine has been repaired, reviewed cost of repairs. Stump removal is set to begin Wednesday morning, sludge hauling has been done, however, final load could not be done due to weather conditions, EGLE has approved the 2 year permit for WWTP, alarms were triggered on sand filter and north RBC, RBC was restarted.

B) Water Report

a. Water Plant Update

Jeff Judd emptied one of the water softener tanks, tank was cleaned and sanitized, will continue for rest of tanks, valve was plugging up. Supervisor Alverson distributed outline for Water System Budget, still needs to plug in the numbers for Silver Springs. Discussion concerning the benefit of the new meters and ability to see usage online. Has been beneficial for the Nazarene Church, they were able to identify plumbing issues that were causing their water usage to be higher than expected.

C) Roads

a. Sharpe Road Contracts

Discussion concerning road funds and how they are used. Work on Sharpe Road would begin after July 1, 2020, need to coordinate with Village as they are planning on North Grand road work next year. Work on Sharpe would involve milling and laying asphalt.

**MOTION MUNSELL SUPPORT EISELE TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS ON APPROXIMATELY .52 MILES OF SHARPE ROAD, COMMENCING AT PAVING JOINT EAST OF SCHOOL ENTRANCE TO THE END OF PAVEMENTS EAST OF CEMETERY ROAD, WORK WOULD INVOLVE MILLING AND PLACEMENT OF 3.5 INCHES OF HOT MIX ASPHALT WITH ALL NECESSARY RELATED WORK, WORK TO COMMENCE AFTER JULY 1, 2020 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$220,000.00 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR'S AND CLERK'S SIGNATURES. ROLL CALL VOTE. MUNSELL-AYE, ALVERSON-AYE, SHEAR-AYE, EISELE-AYE. ABSTAIN-0, ABSENT-RODDY, AYES-4, NAYS-0. MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business

A) Show Cause Determination

**MOTION EISELE SUPPORT SHEAR TO FIND JACOB AND FRANCES BEDDOW, 7967 COLLEEN DRIVE, PARCEL #4705-35-301-013, IN VIOLATION OF THE HANDY TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE AS CITED BY THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR IN THE NOTICES OF ZONING ORDINANCE VIOLATION, BASED UPON THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED AND TESTIMONY BY THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR IN THE SHOW CAUSE HEARING AS WELL AS THE ADMISSION OF THE VIOLATION BY JACOB BEDDOW, WHO WAS PRESENT FOR THE SHOW CAUSE HEARING. ROLL CALL VOTE. SHEAR-AYE, ALVERSON-AYE, EISELE-AYE, MUNSELL-AYE. ABSTAIN-0, ABSENT-RODDY, AYES-4, NAYS-0. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION EISELE SUPPOR SHEAR TO EXTEND TO JACOB AND FRANCES BEDDOW, 7967 COLLEEN DRIVE, PARCEL #4705-35-301-013, 45 DAYS, BEGINNING DECEMBER 17, 2019, TO CURE THE VIOLATIONS TO THE HANDY TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE. THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR WILL REPORT THE STATUS TO THE BOARD AT THE END OF THE 45 DAYS TO THE HANDY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT THE FEBRUARY REGULAR BOARD MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.**

B) Resolution Authorizing Application and Submittal of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

**A RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY EISELE AND SUPPORTED BY SHEAR TO AUTHORIZE THE APPLCATION AND SUBMITTAL OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR HANDY TOWNSHIP. ROLL CALL VOTE. ALVERSON-AYE, EISELE-AYE, MUNSELL-AYE, SHEAR-AYE. ABSTAIN-0, ABSENT-RODDY, AYES-4, NAYS-0. RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

C) Howell Schools: Agreement to Collect Taxes (2020)

**MOTION EISELE SUPPORT MUNSELL TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH HOWELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR SUMMER 2020 TAX COLLECTION FOR A FEE OF \$3.00 PER PARCEL AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CLERK'S AND SUPERVISOR'S SIGNATURES. MOTION CARRIED.**

D) Formal Appointment of Zoning Assistant: Bonnie Flanery

**MOTION EISELE SUPPORT SHEAR TO APPOINT BONNIE FLANERY AS THE HANDY TOWNSHIP ASSISTANT ZONING ADMINISTRATOR, TO BE EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 2, 2019, AT THE CURRENT RATE OF PAY PER HOUR OF \$18.99. MOTION CARRIED.**

E) Meeting Compensation for Zoning Assistant

**MOTION EISELE SUPPORT MUNSELL TO SET THE RATE FOR MEETING COMPENSATION FOR THE ASSISTANT ZONING ADMINISTRATOR AT \$50.00 PER MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.**

F) Illegal Hunting: Township Property

Discussion of illegal hunting on Township property located on Grand River and Nicholson Roads. Current leasees provided pictures of blinds, trash, trails, and gutted deer carcass, also, trail cams have been stolen. One of the leasees does not believe he can safely hunt with so much illegal activity. Discussion concerning filing complaint.

**MOTION MUNSELL SUPPORT SHEAR TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR ALVERSON TO FILE COMPLAINT CONCERNING THE ILLEGAL HUNTING ON THE HANDY TOWNSHIP PROPERTY LOCATED ON WEST GRAND RIVER AND NICHOLSON ROADS WITH THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (DNR). MOTION CARRIED.**

G) Resolution Approving Removal of Property from PA 116, Parcel A; Mark Jonckheere, Parcel 4705-17-300-002

Discussion of property boundaries, area is the location of house and barns.

**A RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY EISELE AND SUPPORTED BY MUNSELL FOR PARTIAL TERMINATION OF FARMLAND DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS (P.A. 116) AGREEMENT NUMBER 47-58376-123121 FOR MARK JONCKHEERE, 3192 N. CEDAR ROAD, PARCEL #4705-17-300-002. (SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION). ROLL CALL VOTE. SHEAR-AYE, EISELE-AYE, MUNSELL-AYE. ABSTAIN-0, ABSENT-RODDY, AYES-4, NAYS-0. RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

H) Supervisor's Report

Reported on various meeting attended.

Census meeting-concerns were expressed that responses continue to decline. Supervisor would like to be sure residents understand that the majority of Township funding comes from State Shared revenue which is based on number of residents. Reported on information from requested road / traffic studies. White line has been moved at expressway and Fowlerville Farms light. Road Commission did not believe that the speed limit on Fowlerville Road north of Mason needs to be lowered.

Discussion concerning conference for Assistant Zoning Administrator.

**MOTION MUNSELL SUPPORT SHEAR TO APPROVE EXPENDITURE OF \$700.00 FOR ASSISTANT ZONING ADMINISTRATOR TO ATTEND A ZONING ADMINISTRATOR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM, FEBRUARY 6-7, 2020. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION EISELE SUPPORT SHEAR TO ADJOURN AT 8:02 P.M.  
MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela J. Hibbard  
Recording Secretary / Deputy Clerk

Laura A. Eisele  
Handy Township Clerk