

September 14, 2019
Koylton Twp Board Meeting

The regular Koylton Twp meeting was called to order by Supervisor Doug Kramer at 4:00 p.m. Pledge to the Flag. Board Members present: Kramer, Vroman, Jobson, Boyl. 9 other township residents present.

Motion made by Boyl, seconded by Jobson to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2019 meeting with correction of Motion carried added after motion to change regular township meeting date and time. Motion carried.

Motion made by Boyl, seconded by Kramer to approve the Treasurer's report for September 2019 with an ending balance of \$67,083.64. Motion carried.

Kramer noted that the township received the permit for brush/tree removal extending the time frame for work until 3/3/2020 for King's Stump Grinding. Ben King reported that he is almost finished with the roadside brush/tree removal.

Kramer also noted that he received a letter from Attorney James Abbey regarding raising service rate fee from \$215 to \$230 per hour effective 9/1/2019.

Kramer reported that he received a letter from the Road Commission regarding submitting 2020 road work construction projects earlier by January instead of the usual March/April timeframe in the past so that the road commission has time to scope out the projects and actually complete them in that year.

Motion made by Boyl, seconded by Kramer to adopt the TEC Electric Franchise Ordinance granting the right, power and authority to market and supply electricity and electrical services to customers within Koylton Township through and over existing and future electrical transmission lines and equipment for a term of 30 years. Motion carried.

Kramer reported that he requested survey results for Koylton Township from Air Advantage in regards to the grant project of providing better internet service, however he received mixed results which included other townships.

Kramer commented on the roads being brined a second time and the roadside spraying issues reported. Some areas were sprayed and others not done, seemed very conservative.

Kramer read parts of an article from the monthly Michigan Township Focus magazine (Official publication of the MTA) September issue regarding the RTFA (Right to Farm Act) and GAAMP (Generally Accepted Agricultural and Management Practices). Since June 1, 2000 the RTFA preempts any local ordinance, regulation or resolution by a township on any farm operation per zoning or any other ordinances. The article mentioned what defines a farm, farm operation, farm product and livestock. Kramer read that trees and tree products were included in farm products covered under the RTFA. Kramer then mentioned Log-n-Iron and that the township has no right to regulate their business because they fall under the RTFA and that the township would be in violation of the act.

Kramer reported that he had received letters of interest for the township trustee vacancy position from four parties: Jim Borek, Stan Fox, Rod Friday, Sr. and Larry Sabin. The township board then interviewed the interested parties individually. Stan Fox withdrew.

Motion made by Vroman, seconded by Kramer to go into executive committee meeting at 5:15 p.m. for personnel discussion. Motion carried.

Motion made by Kramer, seconded by Boyl to come out of executive committee meeting at 5:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion by Boyl, seconded by Vroman to appoint Larry Sabin to fill the vacant Trustee position for the remaining term. Motion carried.

Supervisor Kramer then gave Lawrence (Larry) Sabin the oath of office and swore him in as Trustee.

Kramer stated that the board has two other open positions, (planning commission and board of review) if the other two parties were interested. Both declined at this time.

Vroman noted Public Act 23 effective September 16, 2019 which places additional regulations on property divisions. Before a parcel division can take place, the parcel must be certified by the County Treasurer to have no delinquent taxes or special assessments due.

Motion made by Vroman, seconded by Boyl that all invoices to be paid each month be submitted to the clerk by Monday 6:00 pm on the week of the regular township board meeting. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Ron Coltson reported that the Marlette Fire Department received AFG grant money for air packs.

Motion made by Kramer, seconded by Jobson to pay township bills of \$26,813.84 for September 2019. Motion carried.

Motion made by Kramer, seconded by Vroman to amend the motion for the Treasurers Report ending balance to read \$66,898.94 to reflect additional expense. Motion carried.

	Ck #	Gross	Net Check	Description
Douglas Kramer	3781	\$800.00	\$738.80	Supervisor Salary
Linda Jobson	3782	\$1,000.00	\$923.50	Treasurer Salary
Rex Vroman	3783	\$1,200.00	\$1,108.20	Clerk Salary
Justin Boyl	3784	\$200.00	\$184.70	Board Meeting
Nathan Hager	3785	\$1,250.00	\$1,154.37	Assessor Salary
Green Grass Lawn Care	3786		\$260.00	Mowing of Siple Cemetery (7-8 & 8-12)
Dominion Voting Systems, Inc.	3787		\$3,515.00	ICX Unit & Printer Kit
Wilkinson Corp.	3788		\$8,315.00	2nd Brining Fee for Twp Gravel Roads
Rex Vroman	3789		\$100.10	Clerk Expenses, Mileage
King's Stump Grinding	3790		\$10,000.00	Tree and Brush Removal for Roads
Rob St. George	3791	\$310.00	\$286.25	Zoning Permits(Klein, Pfromm, Glesenkamp, Parker,

Essad, Moore, VanAllen, Vanderpoel)

Linda Jobson	3792		\$43.22	Treasurer Expenses-paper, postage
Lawrence Sabin	3793	\$200.00	\$184.70	Board Meeting

TOTAL: \$26,813.84

Motion made by Jobson, seconded by Sabin to adjourn at 6:20 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Rex Vroman, Koylton Twp Clerk