

SUMMERFIELD TOWNSHIP
November 18, 2024
Regular Meeting
26 Saline St., Petersburg, MI 49270

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Lucarelli at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call: Wiederhold, Goodin, Seegert, Strahan and Lucarelli present.

Motion by Seegert and supported by Strahan to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Strahan and supported by Seegert to approve the October 18th. meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Wiederhold

Treasurer Wiederhold presented the Treasurer's report. Received the following monies:

- \$6,000 election response grant from the State of Michigan.
- \$3,245.30 from D&P Cable for two months of franchise fees.
- \$61,653 from the State of Michigan for constitutional sales tax.
- \$5,354.78 from the State of Michigan for reimbursement of the Primary Election.

Total taxes collected thus far for Summer 2024 is \$1,971,171.12 and the total delinquent is \$119,369.84. Total monies in all accounts - \$3,674,171.46.

Pay Bills: Clerk Goodin presented checks. Motion by Seegert and supported by Lucarelli to pay checks #34519, #34522-#34565 in the amount of \$52,834.67 and #34566-#34569 in the amount of \$2,930.49. Motion carried.

Fire Report:

37 calls in the month of October.

24 rescues	4 assist
7 service	2 fire

24 calls in the township, 9 in the city and 4 mutual aid calls.

New Business:

- a) Planning Commission Recommendation – C.R.E.O.– Planning Commission met on November 11th and recommended the passing of the Compatible Renewable Energy Ordinance. There was a lot of discussion regarding the consequences of adopting such ordinance. By adopting, it would streamline the process of the application and we may or may not have more control. The State of Michigan has the control and if we take no action, the applicant could file with the state which may possibly deter them. The new state law giving them control goes in affect November 29, 2024. Motion by Goodin to adopt the ordinance as recommended by the Planning Commission. Motion failed due to lack of support. After more discussion, Trustee Seegert made motion to adopt the C.R.E.O. and Clerk Goodin supported it. Roll call vote: Strahan-no, Wiederhold-no, Seegert-no, Lucarelli-no and Goodin-yes. Motion failed.
- b) Ida West Farm Lease – Received three sealed bids for the 67 acres of farmland adjacent to the cemetery on Ida West Road. The bids were as follows:
 - Iott Ranch & Orchard - \$75+\$15 over highest bid up to \$140
 - Longshot Farms LLC - \$140/acre
 - Jeff & Joe Horak - \$136/acre

Treasurer Wiederhold stated that Horak's have been farming it the past six or so years and have always paid their rent on time. Motion by Wiederhold and supported by Lucarelli to award the bid to Jeff and Joe Horak. Roll call vote: 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

New Hall Painting Bids – The bids received are as follows:

- Liedel Power Cleaning & Painting - \$12,990 (includes Sherwin Williams paint/primer and labor)
- Roeco/B&B Painting - \$2,700
- Perry Painting - \$3,500
- Jerry Romans - \$3,500
- Carlson Painting - \$3200

Motion by Lucarelli to award the painting bid to Roeco/B&B at the cost of \$2,700 and supported by Goodin. Motion carried.

c) Ordinance Enforcement Officer – Tom Redmond- Supervisor Lucarelli presented a proposal from Tom Redmond for an Ordinance Enforcer position. Whiteford utilizes his services and are satisfied. He is proposing a wage of \$20/hour, mileage and a \$25 cell phone allowance. He will provide time sheets and will only work on complaint driven issues. Motion by Wiederhold and supported by Goodin to appoint Tom Redmond’s proposal as Enforcement Officer and the position will be reviewed after a year of service. Roll call vote: Lucarelli-yea, Goodin-yea, Seegert-nay, Strahan-yea and Wiederhold-yea. Motion carried.

d) IT Support Technician – Received two quotes. A third quote was requested from Perry Pro-tech, but not received.

D & P Communications

- \$100 – one time charge
- \$305.68 – monthly charges
- Managing network with wi-fi

Digital Perspective

- 2 hours hardware/software support
- Remote access/remote monitoring software
- Hardware/software allowance \$200/month
- Remote Backup
- Total investment \$550/month

Clerk Goodin stated Digital Perspective services several municipalities in Monroe County and comes highly recommended. Motion by Seegert and supported by Strahan to contract with Digital Perspective. Roll call vote: 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Public Comments:

Michigan State Representative William Bruck gave an update on issues within the State of Michigan that they will be working on after the lame duck session. He presented Treasurer Wiederhold a tribute of her 40 + years serving Summerfield Township. The Petersburg Volunteer Firefighter Association presented Treasurer Wiederhold a plaque to show their appreciation of her service and always supporting them.

Reports:

Clerk Goodin stated she has appointed Karen Lieb as her Deputy Treasurer and Alexa Kolbe has appointed Candi Ellis as her Deputy Clerk. The new positions take affect November 20th. Clerk Goodin stated that Dundee and Ida townships have paid \$35/hour for training recently and is requesting \$30/hour for training. This would include a stipend for the current Clerk training the new Clerk, Deputy Clerk training the new Deputy Clerk and the Treasurer training the new Treasurer if necessary. Motion by Seegert to pay a \$30/hour stipend to Trudy Goodin, Susan Shafer and Joan Wiederhold for training the Clerk, Deputy Clerk or Treasurer as needed. Supported by Lucarelli. Motion carried.

Motion by Wiederhold and supported by Strahan to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. Motion carried.

Approved

Respectfully Submitted:

Trudy Goodin, Clerk