

ESSEX TOWNSHIP
Clinton County, Michigan

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Regular Meeting
August 11, 2011

Lynn Ferguson, Supervisor, called the regular meeting of Essex Township to order on Thursday, August 11, 2011 at 7:30 PM in the Maple Rapids Community Center. Ferguson began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Lynn Ferguson, Rex Ferguson, Zamarron and Benson
Absent: Warnke
Guests present: David Pohl, James Bancroft, J.D. Bancroft, Officer Ryan Castelein and Angi Bunn

MINUTES

The reading of the minutes from the previous meeting of June 09, 2011 was waived. R. Ferguson moved we approve the minutes. Zamarron seconded it and the motion carried.

VISITOR CONCERNS AND STATEMENTS

Angi Bunn, Deputy Clerk, attended a seminar on Adopting and Enforcing Ordinances. She provided a list of steps to complete when preparing an ordinance. The MTA is recommending that misdemeanors be changed to civil infractions in order to better enable townships to handle enforcement.

Commissioner Pohl gave brief summaries of County activities. The Road Commission is operating with much less revenue and costs have tripled in some areas. The Road Commission has reduced staff and put off buying new equipment to maintain fiscal stability. The jail continues to support itself and the bonds are in good shape. The first jail bond has been paid off and the second will be in 2019. The County intends to add to Motz Park by purchasing approximately 270 acres on the west side of Dewitt Road. The lake is expected to be approximately 100 acres and little or no structural improvements will be made. The communications tower has been started in the southwest part of the county. They are seeking to work with Verizon to add to an existing tower for the northeast section. The Mid Michigan District Health Department will be adding dental care to its program. Negotiations are continuing with the County Sheriff's Department.

Officer Ryan Castelein submitted a monthly report. He reported the county was experiencing several Breaking and Entering's. He encouraged us to be vigilant about keeping cars and buildings locked and to be watchful in our neighborhoods.

James Bancroft reported two new trees had been donated to Sowle Cemetery and they are planted along the drive on the west end.

TRUSTEE REPORT

Rex Ferguson reported the website will expire this fall. Benson moved we renew the website for three years, Zamarron seconded it and the motion carried.

We have been requested to host a Clinton County Township Officers meeting in April 2012. Lebanon Township has indicated they will co-host. The Clerk will contact Greg Armbrustmacher to confirm this and reserve a date for the Community Center.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Clerk gave the Treasurer's report. There is a balance of \$ 104,052.22 in the General Fund.

CLERK'S REPORT

The clerk reported on expenditures 4709 to 4737.

R. Ferguson moved to approve the Clerk's report, Zamarron seconded. (MPC)

SUPERVISORS REPORT

The Supervisor reported the Ambulance Authority is doing well.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Florence Benson
Essex Township Clerk