

**ESSEX TOWNSHIP**  
**Clinton County, Michigan**

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Regular Meeting  
October 13, 2011

Lynn Ferguson, Supervisor, called the regular meeting of Essex Township to order on Thursday, October 13, 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, Warnke and Benson  
Absent : none  
Guests present: David Pohl, and Angi Bunn

**MINUTES**

The reading of the minutes from the previous meeting of August 11, 2011 was waived. R. Ferguson moved we approve the minutes. Zamarron seconded it and the motion carried.

**VISITOR CONCERNS AND STATEMENTS**

Commissioner Pohl gave a brief summary of County activities. The county is in good financial standing. Money has been set aside to meet bond payments. Pension funds are adequately funded and the health care fund is 70% funded. The County feels the wind turbine ordinance is adequate to regulate the new turbines that will be placed in the county. There is a provision that a company must maintain a bond to cover the cost of dismantling a turbine. The County will be looking at land use plans around municipalities to see if turbines could be beneficial. Waste Management will continue at the same level as last year. The County has received a Brown Field grant to study Federal Mogul. They are also looking for funds to help individuals who wish to purchase property that may possibly be contaminated. Work on the 9-1-1 tower in the South end of the County is nearing completion.

**TRUSTEE REPORT**

Trustee Rex Ferguson composed a letter regarding the cost savings and consolidations we use in Essex Township. Lynn Ferguson moved the letter be placed on the web site for constituents to read. Benson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Clerk gave the Treasurer's report. There is a balance of \$ 71,361.77 in the General Fund. Benson moved we approve the report, Rex Ferguson seconded it. (MPC)

**CLERK'S REPORT**

The clerk reported on expenditures 4738 to 4774.  
L. Ferguson moved to approve the Clerk's report, Rex Ferguson seconded. ( MPC)

The Clerk reported that Lebanon Township has agreed to co-host the April 2012 county officers meeting. A date has been reserved for the Community Center.

## SUPERVISORS REPORT

The Supervisor reported the Ambulance Authority is doing well. There is currently a discussion about Ovid and Middlebury ambulance services joining Clinton Area Ambulance service.

We received a letter from the Clinton County Historical Society. They are requesting old records that the township or individuals may no longer want. They would like to review them for possible retention for the historical society.

We received a news release from FEMA regarding the Township's acceptance into the Federal Flood Plain Insurance Program. It was the consensus we would post the letter on the web site rather than in a newspaper.

## OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

## NEW BUSINESS

Benson moved that Angi Bunn, Pam Snyder, and Mary Ellen Pung be approved as election inspectors for the November 08, 2011 school election. Zamarron seconded it and the motion carried.

An Application for Farmland Agreement PA 116 #2011-11 was submitted by Wayne R. Underwood, Daniel H. Underwood and Matthew O. Underwood. The property is located in Essex Township in Section 6 on Maple Rapids Road. The Essex Township Board found no objections to the application. Benson moved we approve the Application for Farmland Agreement PA 116 #2011-11, Warnke seconded it and the motion carried.

An Application for Farmland Agreement PA 116 #2011-10 was submitted by Dennis E and Kelli J. Fitzpatrick. The property is located in Essex Township Section 4 on Maple Rapids Road. The Essex Township Board found no objections to the application. Benson moved we approve the Application for Farmland Agreement PA 116 #2011-10, Warnke seconded it and the motion carried

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Florence Benson  
Essex Township Clerk