

**BLUE LAKE TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 12, 2012**

OPENED AT 7:30 PM.

PRESENT: FRED E. ARBOGAST SR., MELONIE ARBOGAST, SCOTT HAAN, LYLE MONETTE, DON STUDAVERN

MELONIE MOVED, FRED SUPPORTED TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 8, 2012 BOARD MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 YES.

THE MINUTES FOR THE NOVEMBER 8, 2012 BOARD & BROWN'S POND MEETING WERE NOT READY.

PERFECTION OF AGENDA: BURNHAM & FLOWER LIABILITY INSURANCE PROPOSAL AND WOLVERINE POWER SYSTEMS PROPOSAL WERE ADDED AS ITEMS ONE AND TWO UNDER UNFINISHED BUSINESS. NOVOTNY ELECTRONICS PROPOSAL WAS ADDED AS ITEM FOUR UNDER NEW BUSINESS.

MELONIE MOVED, LYLE SUPPORTED TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA REPORTS AS PRESENTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 YES.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MELONIE MOVED, LYLE SUPPORTED A MOTION TO ADOPT DOCUMENT #INS111212 (B&F LIABILITY INSURANCE PROPOSAL) WITH THE OPTIONS A.-INCREASE ZONING DEFENSE TO \$250,000.00 COVERAGE AND D.-INCREASE PROPERTY & ELECTRONIC DATA PROCESSING DEDUCTIBLE TO \$500.00. ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 YES.

MELONIE MOVED, LYLE SUPPORTED TO ACCEPT DOCUMENT #WOL111212 WOLVERINE POWER SYSTEMS PROPOSAL FOR GENERATOR ADDITIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1504.90. ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 YES.

NEW BUSINESS

JOHN GREENWOOD OF FARM BUREAU INSURANCE WILL RESCHEDULE HIS MEETING WITH THE BOARD.

SCOTT MOVED, LYLE SUPPORTED TO ACCEPT DOCUMENT #OSB111212 SNOWPLOWING PROPOSAL FROM HAROLD C. OSBORNE, INC. FOR THE 2012-2013 SNOWPLOW SEASON. ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 YES.

JEFF ABRAM WAS PROMOTED FROM PROBATIONARY FIREFIGHTER TO FIREFIGHTER AND RECEIVED THE OATH OF OFFICE FROM FRED E. ARBOGAST SR., CLERK.

DON MOVED, FRED SUPPORTED TO APPROVE DOCUMENT #NOV111212 NOVOTNY ELECTRONICS PROPOSAL FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF AN ALARM KEYPAD FOR THE BACK DOOR AT A COST OF \$275.00. ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 YES.

FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

FIRE CHIEF LARRY RADTKE REQUESTED A COPY OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT INSURANCE POLICY IN ORDER TO GIVE COPIES TO THE FIREFIGHTERS.

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CHIEF RADTKE REPORTED VOLUNTEER HOURS (INCLUDING FIRE EDUCATION, PREVENTION, CERTIFICATION AND MAKE UP HOURS) IN THE AMOUNT OF 176 HOURS GIVEN BY 14 FIREFIGHTERS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER.

CHIEF RADTKE INVITED ALL TO THE 2ND ANNUAL PIE SALE HOSTED BY THE FIRE ASSOCIATION SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17 FROM 10 AM-2 PM.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

ALAN JAGER THANKED THE BOARD AND TOWNSHIP FOR THEIR SUPPORT WHILE HE SERVED AS COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

NORM SWIER (BROWN'S POND ASSOCIATION) – STATED THAT THE BILL FROM THE PREIN & NEWHOF ENGINEER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1714.80 SHOULD NOT BE PAID OUT OF THE BROWN'S POND ASSOCIATION MAINTENANCE FUND. ACCORDING TO THE RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD IN NOVEMBER 2004, IT WOULD BE UNLAWFUL AND IN VIOLATION OF SAID RESOLUTION TO PAY THIS BILL FROM THE ASSOCIATION'S ACCOUNT. LUKE TRUMBLE THE STATE ENGINEER REPORTED TO NORM THAT THE SERVICES RENDERED BY PREIN & NEWHOF SHOULD HAVE BEEN PROVIDED AT LITTLE OR NO CHARGE. NORM SUGGESTED THAT A CHECK BE SENT TO THE ENGINEER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100.00 WITH THANKS FOR THEIR SERVICES AND INFORM THEM THAT THE BILL FOR \$1714.80 IS A GROSS OVER CHARGE.

DALE WEISNER ASKED DOES BROWN'S POND BELONG TO THE PUBLIC OR IS IT A PRIVATE POND.

BOARD COMMENTS

FRED STATED THAT NO PROVISION IS GIVEN IN THE BUDGET FOR THE GENERAL FUND NOR THE BROWNS POND ASSESSMENT FUND TO PAY THE ENGINEERING BILL. THE ENGAGEMENT OF THE ENGINEER WAS DONE ILLEGALLY SINCE IT WAS NOT AUTHORIZED BY A BUDGET ALLOCATION IN ADVANCE.

DON STATED THAT HE HIRED THE ENGINEER JUST AS HE DID ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS AND IS LOOKING FOR GRANTS TO HELP WITH PAYMENT OF SERVICES. THERE IS STILL TIME TO WORK ON IT.

FRED AGREES THAT A CURSORY PAYMENT SHOULD BE MADE TO THE PREIN & NEWHOF ENGINEER. HE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT THE TOWNSHIP SOLICIT BIDS FOR ENGINEER PROPOSALS AND THEN CHOOSE ONE ENGINEER FROM THOSE BIDS TO RUN THE ENTIRE JOB.

MELONIE STATED THAT THE BOARD NEEDS TO RESOLVE THE ESCROW FUNDS AND CURRENT BILL BEFORE PAYING ANYTHING AND THAT QUESTIONS NEED TO BE PRESENTED TO THE ATTORNEY.

FRED MOVED, LYLE SUPPORTED A MOTION TO POSTPONE PAYMENT OF PREIN & NEWHOF INVOICE #20275 UNTIL THE BOARD IS SATISFIED THAT IT IS A LEGAL CHARGE. ROLL CALL VOTE: 4 YES, 1 NO (DS)

MELONIE MOVED, SCOTT SUPPORTED A MOTION TO APPROVE INCOMING BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDANCE AT THE 2013 MTA CONFERENCE & EXPO IN DETROIT FOR NEW TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS TO BE HELD JANUARY 22-25, 2013. ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 YES.

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SCOTT WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE TOWNSHIP FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE ON THE BOARD FOR THE LAST FOUR YEARS. IT WAS A PRIVILEGE AND A LEARNING EXPERIENCE.

DON STATED THAT IS HIS LAST NIGHT IN THE SUPERVISOR'S CHAIR. HE FEELS FORTUNATE TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SERVE FOR THE LAST 12 YEARS. IT WAS A NICE AND TOUGH 12 YEARS - THANK YOU.

FRED THANKS EVERYONE FOR THEIR CONFIDENCE IN HIM TO SERVE AS CLERK FOR THE PAST 34 YEARS. IT HAS BEEN A LEARNING EXPERIENCE AND HE APPRECIATED THE OPPORTUNITY.

FRED REPORTED THAT AT THE NOVEMBER 6, 2012 ELECTION THERE WAS A 60% VOTER TURNOUT FOR BLUE LAKE TOWNSHIP. HE GIVES CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WHO WON AND ENCOURAGES THEM TO PROMOTE OPENNESS, HONESTY AND COMMON SENSE AS THEY MOVE TOWARD THE FUTURE, REPORTING TO THE TAXPAYERS AND CITIZENS.

HE THANKED THOSE WHO SERVE AT ELECTIONS AND HANDED OUT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS FOR ELECTION INSPECTORS: BARB CASSIDY, SANDRA WILSON, MARION KNASH, HELEN STOCKMAN, DIANNA PLANK, SUSAN WINICKI, LAURA PYCRAFT AND VICKI LONGNECKER. HE ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED GLORIA RIGONI FOR HER PAST SERVICE TO THIS TOWNSHIP AS AN INSPECTOR.

BILLS & ACCOUNTS

SCOTT MOVED, LYLE SUPPORTED TO APPROVE THE FOURTH QUARTER OCTOBER 2012 ACH WARRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2246.32. ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 YES.

SCOTT MOVED, LYLE SUPPORTED TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 9-31, 2012 BILLS PAID IN THE AMOUNT OF \$127,337.19. ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 YES.

SCOTT MOVED, LYLE SUPPORTED TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 9, 2012 BILLS PAID IN THE AMOUNT OF \$778.91. ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 YES.

SCOTT MOVED, LYLE SUPPORTED TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 12, 2012 BILLS PAID IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,241.71. ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 YES.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:55 PM.

FRED E. ARBOGAST SR.
CLERK