

DORR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING HELD JANUARY 15, 2009

Meeting called to order by Supervisor VanHaitsma at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tammy VanHaitsma, Jodi Brummel, Jan Saunders, Larry Dolegowski, Paul Davis, Josh Otto (arrived at 7:10 p.m.), and Dan Weber

MEMBERS ABSENT: None
(9 visitors)

Supervisor VanHaitsma extended condolences to the family and friends to those involved in the fatal snowmobile accident that occurred in Dorr Township.

Changes or additions to the agenda included the addition of Community Policing and Parks Commission Earmarked Money under the New Business section.

Public comments included a comment on the Planning Commission meetings allowing for public comment after each issue discussed and the meetings being well run, a comment that Byron Township did allow for public comment on an issue two meetings ago, and a correction needed to the January 15, 2009 meeting minutes.

Brummel moved and seconded by Saunders to approve the agenda with the addition of Community Policing and Parks Commission Earmarked Money to the New Business section. Motion carried.

The following reports were given: 1) Planning Commission by Larry Dolegowski and 2) Library by Patty Moore.

Otto moved and seconded by Dolegowski to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held December 18, 2008, as corrected to reflect that Industrial zoning is the closest current zoning that allows for a public composting site. Motion carried.

Davis moved and seconded by Otto to approve bills in the amount of \$79,130.70. Motion carried.

No old business.

New business included:

1) Amendment of Subdivision Ordinance

Larry Dolegowski explained that the changes to the ordinances at this meeting are to create uniformity across the state through compliance to the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act (PA 110 of 2006 and PA 12 of 2008).

Otto moved and seconded by Dolegowski to approve an ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 7, the Dorr Township Subdivision Ordinance as recommended by the Dorr Township Planning Commission following a public hearing on November 18, 2009. Roll Call Vote: Brummel YES; Davis YES; Weber YES; Dolegowski YES; Saunders YES; VanHaitsma YES; and Otto YES (7 YES, 0 NO). Motion carried.

2) An ordinance providing for the amendment of the Dorr Township Zoning Ordinance to be in compliance with the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act (PA 110 of 2006 and PA 12 of 2008)

Dolegowski moved and seconded by Saunders to approve an ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 6, the Dorr Township Zoning Ordinance, as recommended by the Dorr Township Planning Commission following a Public Hearing on November 18, 2008. Roll Call Vote: Saunders YES; Otto YES; Dolegowski YES; Brummel YES; VanHaitsma YES; Davis YES; and Weber YES (7 YES, 0 NO). Motion carried.

3) Legal advertising bid from Advance Newspaper

Clerk Brummel informed the Board that the current period's rates are \$3.75 per Column Inch for hardcopy/faxed material and \$3.57 per Column Inch for electronically sent material.

Brummel moved and seconded by Weber to accept the legal advertising proposal by Advance Newspapers of \$4.14 per Column Inch for hardcopy/faxed material and \$3.79 per Column Inch for electronically sent material, for the period of April 1, 2009, thru March 31, 2010. Motion carried.

4) Sewer update

Supervisor VanHaitsma informed the Board that she has been working with the lawyer on the individual assessments to ensure uniformity for each parcel involved. The Board is planning to hold another informational meeting in the next two weeks. After that, the Board will then decide whether or not to proceed with a public hearing.

5) Meeting reminders

- The MTA annual conference will be held January 27-30 in Detroit.
- Road Commission meeting will be held on January 20, at 7:00 p.m., in Allegan
- Multi-governmental meeting will be held on January 26, at 6:30 p.m. at Wayland Township Hall

6) Community Policing

Supervisor VanHaitsma informed the Board that Salem Township has decided to eliminate the community policing for their Township. Supervisor VanHaitsma will be meeting with other township supervisors to determine potential interest in joining the community policing program.

7) Parks Commission Earmarked Money

Supervisor VanHaitsma informed the Board that the Parks Commission is planning some major projects and has inquired about using the “earmarked money” in the General Fund. They would like to construct bathrooms/concession stand building at the North Park and use the “earmarked money”, donations, and a loan for the project. The Board was asked to put consideration to this issue and discuss at the next meeting.

Public comments included a request to keep both current deputies (Beute and Damveld) for the community policing program, including praise for the job they do for the community and a request that licensed contractors be given the opportunity to bid on future township projects. Deputy Beute also informed the Board that snowmobiles are not allowed on roadways.

Dolegowski moved and seconded by Otto to adjourn. Motion carried.

Jodi L. Brummel
Dorr Township Clerk