

## **Meeting Minutes**

**December 12, 2007**

### **1. Call Meeting to Order at 6:30 pm by Chairman Dave Music**

### **2. Attendance of Members Present**

- David Music
- Bill Tobler
- Brian Shelby
- Paul Wagner
- Judy Thornton

### **3. Secretary's Report**

- Minutes from the last meeting discussed and a motion made to accept.
  - Motion by Tobler, second by Shelby
  - Motion Carried

### **4. Chairman's Report**

- Township was supposed to have a sign put up (Jackson) on the Beacon Property. It has not been done to date. Jackson was supposed to have talked to the Township Attorney about the township selling the property themselves. We were advised that a plan was to be brought back to the Board and it would require township board action to sell. It was reportedly voted on at the September 25<sup>th</sup> meeting to sell it. Music will follow up to see if the for sale sign is put up by Thursday like Jackson promised. It will be put up for sale for a starting price of \$80,000.

### **5. Committee Reports**

### **6. Old Business**

- **Nellis property report**
  - It is at the township board level at this point. It was reported there is little progress with obtaining the building. There is a problem with which of the Utility funds are actually spendable. Lynda Dew has not sorted that information out at this point. The Board is trying to determine what Utility money is committed to what projects. Bill Babut was unable to help straighten the issue out when asked.
  - Documentation on the site and the condition of the building is pending. The county had done an inspection of the property to try to help out. The status of the city water to the site was discussed.
  - Winters was put in charge of negotiating the purchase of the property. It was toured by the attorney and some other board members. The attorney is supposed to do research on the route of the water line easement.
  - The time frame to acquire the building does not look promising in the next 30 days.
- **Rawsonville property report**
  - Music reported that Chief Chevrette has been trying to contact the people about the building with out success.
- **Mitchell Storage facility**
  - No inside storage is available
- **Kaas facility**
  - Nothing suitable is available
- **Discussion on other options for immediate storage**

- There was discussion on the possibility of erecting a temporary pole barn at the Willis Road site to house equipment. Shelby will follow up to find out what would be required. The FD should determine what our needs would be. There was a question as to if it would be legal to construct, and what time frame it would require as well as a cost.
- Discussion on what the FD minimally requires for a site. All that is really needed for the time being is a place to store a few truck inside a heated facility out of the weather. Wagner would look into what the FD would require minimally. That would be based on what the FD officers determine which truck would be stored at a storage facility.
- Music requested Tobler ask the township board to look into just leasing the Nellis property rather than purchasing.
- **Williams Property Report**
  - Thornton followed up with the Williams family to see if the property is available and a possible cost. She reported the family will discuss it and look at the possibility of the FD purchasing the front part of the property. She will follow up with more research.
- **Dejanovich Property report**
  - There are 15.8 acres, they were asking 40k an acre, SEV is 53k for all 15.8 acres.
- **Willis Road Property Report**
  - Discussion on the status of the John Bird Drain and it being a county drain. Discussion on the impact of it being a county drain, that it directly impacts the foot print of useable property.
  - Discussion on the status of the property. If it cannot be used for a fire station, then could it be sold and the funds used towards another location. Tobler may have access to an appraisal of the property. Music requested we try to determine the value of the property.
- **Township Hall, Fire Station Combination Issue**
  - Discussion about a combined Township Hall Fire Station facility. Thornton had talked to Kathy Giszczak about any plans that the township board may have. They currently have nothing, but they could put something together according to Kathy. Craigmile will also look into the possibility for a combined facility.
- **General Fire station Facility Discussion**
  - Tom Rollins asked for someone to check into how other entities managed to put up facilities. He mentioned several municipalities like Van Buren Township. There was some limited discussion. No one was specifically assigned the task.

## 7. **New Business**

- **2008 Meeting Schedule and location of meetings**
  - The schedule will be generated by Wagner

## 8. **Other Business, Good and Welfare**

- Judy Thornton asked about doing some sort of fund raising towards the station fund. She discussed a quilt raffle or similar type of event like a pancake breakfast.

## 9. **Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 pm**

- Motion passed