

Minutes Constantine Township Board June 10, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Hutson at 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Hutson, Schmidtendorff, Brown, Klett, Paananen

Motion carried. Moved by Klett and supported by Paananen to approve minutes as presented.

Joan of DeKalb reviewed the Dekalb tax break request. Hutson opened the public meeting at 7:40 p.m. for discussion. One question was asked from the audience regarding the IFT tax exemption.

Motion carried. Moved by Schmidtendorff and supported by Paananen to accept the resolution for DeKalb Genetics IFT per the attached resolution as presented.

Roll Call: Paananen, yes; Klett, yes; Hutson, yes; Schmidtendorff, yes; Brown, yes.

Monte Bordner, Candidate for State Representative for 59th District reviewed his credentials and experience to inform the Township Board of his ability to serve St. Joseph County as the State Representative.

Matt Lori, Candidate for State Representative for 59th District reviewed his credentials and experience to inform the Township Board of his ability to serve St. Joseph County as the State Representative.

Edward Steinebach requested the removal of the chain link fence at the Cemetery that is in his back yard. He wants to replace it with a 6ft high vinyl fence that will have an approximate three-inch clearance at ground level. He will pay for a survey and place the fence accordingly. The Township Board granted approval for removal of the chain link fence and the erection of the 6ft-vinyl fence.

Ordinance Officer Kuhlman reviewed his June encounters.

Clerk Brown reported on the Profit Loss v Actual. The line item 802, dues, is over budget and should be adjusted.

Motion carried. Moved by Schmidtendorff and supported by Brown to increase line item 802, dues, by \$110.00 to \$2,110.00.

Motion carried. Moved by Paananen and supported by Klett to pay bills.

As the Recreation Board has lost over \$1,000.00 in United Way revenue the Township should consider increasing their contribution.

Motion carried. Moved by Paananen and supported by Schmidtendorff to increase line item 880, Community Contributions, by \$600.00 to \$5,100.00 from \$4,500. A check for \$4,550 will be sent to the Recreation Bd.

Hutson shared a letter from attorney Craig Rolfe. He is leaving his current office to begin his own firm. He requests that Constantine Township remain his client. After discussion the Township Board agreed to continue its association with the current firm Bauckham et al.

Schmidtendorff shared that the Fire Bd. will meet on July 23rd. He has also had several requests regarding dump passes. Motion carried. Moved by Schmidtendorff and supported by Hutson to have Schmidtendorff investigate the cost of dump passes.

Hutson shared that all SAAC Units have joined the Ambulance Authority, but for Sherman Township and they have a meeting soon. Some Townships have updated their master plan. US 131 should be considered in this Township's next master plan update. Constantine Township should consider hiring a consultant to help with the master plan update at a cost of 10 to 15 thousand dollars.

Motion carried. Moved by Paananen and supported by Klett to adjourn. Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Marti Brown Clerk