

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 Schmidtendorff and supported by Klett to approve minutes of the December 9, 2008 meeting and the special meeting minutes of January 7, 2009.

Hutson introduced Bruce Jones and Larry Shingledecker of the St. Joseph County Roads Commission. Jones reviewed the proposed work to be completed on Peck Academy. Larry Shingledecker also reviewed the type of work to be completed on Peck Academy. Mr. Garth Bullock of Peck Academy, stated Peck Academy is smooth only a day or two after the Road Commission grates it. Mr. Bullock also stated that they have removed some trees, as they are mature and may fall onto their fields. The Bullock family is in favor of paving the road. Mr. Guy Bullock stated that the Electric company would like to relocate the pole / lines, that are now in the fields, closer to the roadside. Mr. Tim Talaski, of Peck Academy Rd., asked if the taxes will be increased on the property and who will pay for the new road? What is going to be done about the "swale" at the curve? How much of the road will be paved? Supervisor Hutson stated that there would be no change in taxes at this time. The next owner of the property is more likely to incur increased taxes. The drainage will go into the swamp and a creek. The water table is currently high. The Road Commission could place a sign at the curve indicating a safe speed. Peck Academy could be brined which helps hold the road surface together. This would cost about \$1,2000.00 per mile. Bob Ray, resident on Peck Academy, asked; how many responses from the property owners were received? He wants Peck Academy to remain a gravel road. Hutson stated that four owners are present and he received two letters. Robin Myers, Peck Academy, wants the road to remain gravel. A letter from Loren Weaver states that he wants the road to remain gravel. Dessie Summers wants the road paved, per the response in her letter. Improvements to the road, but not including paving could cost \$20,000.00 to \$25,000.00. So the possibilities are 1. Do nothing, 2. Partial work, 3. Do all of the roadwork.

Motion carried. Moved by Schmidtendorff and supported by Paananen to drop the Peck Academy Road project. Role call: Paananen, yes; Klett, yes; Brown, yes; Schmidtendorff, yes; Hutson, yes.

Hutson reviewed the Three Rivers Health Authority report. The Authority will request a 2-mill increase and levy a .4 mill. Hutson will ask if this request for millage can be expanded to include Porter, Mottville and White Pigeon Townships.

Ordinance Officer Kuhlman reviewed his work for the month of December.

Clerk Brown indicated the Profit and Loss v Actual is in the black.

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

Deputy Supervisor and Treasurer Schmidtendorff reported that the Fire Department will meet on Jan. 28, at 7:30 p.m. Schmidtendorff has heard the the Environmental Impact report on US 131 has passed.

Hutson is looking for more people to sit on the committee to choose the company to write the Master Plan. Doug Kuhlman and Mark Brown will attend if they are able. Hutson presented new articles for the Ambulance Authority.

Motion carried. Moved by Hutson and supported by Schmidtendorff to approve the new articles of incorporation to the Authority.

Hutson has an inquiry from a company regarding a computer program for a Cemetery set up plan. He will ask them to present at a meeting in the near future.

Hutson reviewed the Valuation Studies for each Township. Hutson reviewed the dates for Board of Review.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Marti Brown Clerk