

Minutes Constantine Township Meeting August 9, 2011

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Hutson, Schmidtendorff, Brown, Paananen, Freude.

Motion carried. Moved by Schmidtendorff and supported by Freude to approve minutes of the July meeting.

Joan Steckel and Ken Jones presented IFT information regarding Monsanto and the proposed water sewer addition. They will have 60 full time employees and are applying for a Facilities Tax Exemption. The Township will have to set an open hearing regarding the discussion of the FTE.

Motion carried. Moved by Paananen and supported by Freude to accept the application from Monsanto for a Facilities Tax Exemption.

Rick Jackson, manager of the St. Joseph County Road Commission, reviewed how the Road Commission keeps St. Joseph County roads and bridges in good repair.

Zoning Administrator Kuhlman reported on his contacts. He reviewed the Property Maintenance code and encouraged the Board to consider adopting the code.

Paananen reviewed the Zoning Commission meeting discussion.

Brown reviewed the Profit Loss v Actual, all in the black.

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

Brown reviewed correspondence.

Schmidtendorff stated that there was a Fire Board meeting at the end of July.

Julie Fetch, Township resident, stated that there was an issue with a firefighter who made inappropriate comments about the barn fire at their farm. Chief Haydon has spoken to that person.

Hutson reported that Pioneer Hi-Bred wants to continue talks about the appeal.

Hutson has pursued the repair of Nerrman Rd. to no avail.

Motion carried. Moved by Schmidtendorff and supported by Freude to approve the mailing of Hutson's letter to Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Ryan regarding Hutson's efforts to seek repair of the damages to Nerrman Road caused by the heavy equipment.

Hutson sent a letter to a resident indicating that Constantine Township does not participate in the Flood Plain Plan. This letter is supposed to exempt the resident from paying Flood Plain insurance.

The Assessing and Treasurer Data is now on the BS & A web site. Those needing this information can access the site and pay \$2.00 for each separate piece of information needed and receive a receipt of payment.

Hutson stated the owners of 665 Centreville Rd. are selling their property and inquired if the Township would like to buy the property. The Township does not want to buy this property.

Hutson stated that someone has objected to the Sexton's practice of pouring foundations only three times per year. Schmidtendorff has knowledge that the Sexton has poured foundations more often if the extra cost is paid.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marti Brown CLERK