

# Elmer Township Meeting

## September 19, 2016

### Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

Members Present: Marty Galbraith, Supervisor; Jeanie Smith, Clerk; Sue Stenson, Treasurer; Julie Hershberger, Trustee; Richard Ellis, Trustee

Number of non-members present: 7

Motion to accept August minutes as presented, Julie/Sue.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**A candidate running for Judge (Palumbo)**, was attended the meeting along with her father in law. Marty gave her the opportunity to present her accomplishments as an attorney and Prosecuting Attorney and her goals if she should be elected as judge. Her information was appreciated by the Board and residents.

**State Tax Commission:** Marty informed the board that the State Tax Commission was doing spot checks on residences – checking tax values and whether policies are being followed by the tax assessor and Board of Review. The board will be receiving a report on their findings.

**Regarding the 13 acres** that has been offered to the township for some future public use when the owner is deceased - the board does not see any specific purpose that the land might be used for should the offer be accepted. The owner specified that the township could not sell it. To make it available to the public would mean developing it into a recreation area of some kind, at an ongoing cost to the township. That also means possible liability issues. No final decision was made.

**The Community Dinner** went well with good attendance and lots of good food. \$51 was donated and will be saved for an undetermined future use.

**Shades** for the windows were again briefly discussed with different ideas on whether to do a see-through vinyl window cover or to do shades – possibly one long shade or two shades on each window with the first being installed halfway up.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**The Ten-Spin** playground toy is here and waiting to be installed.

**The township audit** was done on September 13<sup>th</sup> by Jim Anderson, and it went well. He'll be sending his report soon.

Sue reported that Deputy Treasurer, Jenni Layman feels there is a need for a new computer that can be used for banking and other purposes, while still using the current computer for taxes only. This would keep the tax program from ever being connected to the internet.

**Fire Chief**, Dave Stenzel spoke about the need for two fire trucks. He's looking for a good, used pumper and either buying a tanker or modifying a used DNR truck to fit their needs. The pumper they have is still usable and can be maintained for awhile yet but the tanker needs replacing right away. He says there is enough money budgeted for these purchases.

**Raquel Rondo** mentioned that weed whips have been purchased for the cemetery and hall grounds. The one with wheels was barely used and she was able to get it for less than half the price of a new one.

**The Cemetery Policy** has some areas of question that have come up. The board will take a closer look at the policy at the next meeting to clarify it and make necessary changes.

**Commissioner, Larry Wilson** mentioned that grants may be available if the township is interested. He mentioned the idea of a grant for installing new lights which brought up the subject of lights on the playground. As of yet a light has not been installed and it was noted that some of the Amish parents felt that if there were lights, their kids continue to play softball until late into the night.

Motion to approve bills as presented was made by Sue, second by Julie. Carried.  
Check #1195 through #1226

Submitted by,

Jeanie Smith, Clerk