

**SOUTH HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2020**

Present: Bertorelli, Lewandowski, Stein , Kiry, Fisher, and Wiatrowski

Absent: DeGrandchamp

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Stein at 7:30 p.m.

January 8, 2020 minutes were accepted as presented.

Chief Thompson from SHPD was in attendance and presented awards to Officers Melendez and Keene and a resident Austin Grzybowski for heroic efforts helping a citizen who had driven their car into a pond. VB County Commissioner Gail Gladney gave a report from Van Buren County Commission. Mr. Knytch from Evergreen Bluff was in attendance to discuss issues about the bluff erosion. Emily Hickmot from Van Buren County Conservation District gave a report on recycling and Eleanor Serocki from Southwest x Southwest discussed the hemlock survey. Several residents were in attendance to express concerns about construction projects at Deerlick Park.

Motion by Wiatrowski, supported by Kiry, to accept the Agenda with the addition of 8.G. New Business – South Haven Township Shoreline Protection. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

There was Board consensus to send information to the Attorney to create ballot language to bring the Library Millage back up to where it is supposed to be.

Motion by Lewandowski, supported by Fisher, to adopt Resolution 20-04 to adopt Board of Review dates. All voted yes by roll call vote. Motion carried.

Motion by Wiatrowski, supported by Kiry, to enter into a contract with LIAA, the City of South Haven and the Township of Casco to improve sustainability on the shoreline. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

There was Board consensus to send our Township Attorney a copy of the article about the City of St. Joseph license agreement and list of rules they adopted to help citizens working on erosion issues on the shoreline while protecting their neighbors from any unintended consequences and damages. The Board would like to adopt something like this for issues that keep coming up regarding damages on personal and public properties on the lakeshore.

Motion by Lewandowski, supported by Fisher, to limit the amount a resident can take to the transfer station on Free Dump Day to 5 yards. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Stein presented a copy of Casco Township Investment Policy and said he thought it would be beneficial for South Haven Township to adopt something likewise. Treasurer Fisher said she had resources at the County Level and would work on this.

Motion by Wiatrowski, supported by Bertorelli, to adopt Resolution #20-05 a Resolution Approving Ballot Language for the Recreational Millage Renewal. All voted in favor by roll call vote. Motion carried.

Supervisor Stein said that he had done some work on the Evergreen Bluff erosion issues. He said that SHAWSA is communicating with their attorney to address utility issues. He sent a request to the Haven's to see if they were interested in helping as they would lose their access. Supervisor Stein is attending a meeting with Senator Stabenow on 2/20 when she is in South Haven. He also stated that it was worth noting that most residents immediately affected by these issues were full time residents.

Reports from various committees and authorities were received. Jean Stein reported for the Library.

Motion by Kiry, supported by Wiatrowski, to send the Zoning Amendments to the Attorney to put into proper format for adoption. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Fisher, supported by Lewandowski, to approve payment of anticipated bills in the amount of \$202,171.67. All voted in favor by roll call vote. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Brenda Bertorelli, Clerk

Ross Stein, Supervisor