

**SOUTH HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2021**

Present: Stein, Wiatrowski, Kiry, DeGrandchamp, Bertorelli, Lewandowski and Fisher. The meeting was held online.

Absent: None

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

December 9, 2020 minutes were accepted as presented.

Gail Gladney gave a report from the Van Buren County Commission.

Motion by Wiatrowski, supported by Lewandowski, to accept the Agenda as presented. All voted in favor by roll call vote. Motion carried.

Supervisor Stein reported that the third meeting with Casco, the City of South Haven and LIAA regarding Coastal Management has not yet been scheduled.

Supervisor Stein reported that there is nothing new with the signs on the bridges at this time.

Supervisor Stein reported that the survey has been done at Deerlick Park, however he has not yet received a copy.

Motion by DeGrandchamp, supported by Kiry, to set a Public Hearing date of February 10th for the purpose of considering an application for a Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption for property on Phoenix Road. All voted in favor by roll call vote. Motion carried.

Zachary Morris of Market Van Buren was in attendance to answer any questions about South Haven Township becoming a member. He explained that South Haven Township could become a supporter and receive benefits from membership for an annual fee of \$3,167.59.

Motion by DeGrandchamp, supported by Lewandowski, to enter into an agreement with Market Van Buren for Economic Development services and pay \$3,167.59 for these services, and to amend the 2021 Budget and add the same amount to Community Promotion. All voted in favor by roll call vote. Motion carried.

Motion by Bertorelli, supported by Fisher, to adopt the 2020 Budget Amendments as presented. After the December 2020 meeting new bills arrived for road repair services from Van Buren County Road Commission. All voted in favor by roll call vote. Motion carried.

Motion by Bertorelli, supported by Wiatrowski, to sign a contract for audit services with Siegfried Crandall for \$9700.00. All voted in favor by roll call vote. Motion carried.

Supervisor Stein discussed a meeting held with Geneva Township, Casco Township, the City of South Haven and South Haven Township Supervisors to consider joining efforts to hire a consultant to help with getting high speed internet readily available for all community members. There was board consensus that internet services are no longer a luxury but rather a necessity for communities to grow and survive and for the supervisor to move forward with this joint community study.

Motion by Wiatrowski, supported by Lewandowski, to forward funds to SHARA for \$17,500.00. This amount will cover the cost of removing the structures at the Royal Property and pay for \$2,500.00 matching grant for improvements at Deerlick Park. These funds will come from the Recreation millage. All voted in favor by roll call vote. Motion carried.

Reports from various committees and authorities were received. W.C. Askew was in attendance for the Road Commission.

Motion by Fisher, supported by Kiry, for the South Haven Township Treasurer's office to collect summer school taxes and charge \$2.20 per parcel for South Haven Public Schools and \$1.00 per parcel for Lake Michigan College and administration fees just like the County Treasurer has in past years. All voted in favor by roll call vote. Motion carried.

Motion by Fisher, supported by Wiatrowski, to approve payment of anticipated bills in the amount of \$42,253.72. All voted in favor by roll call vote. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Brenda Bertorelli, Clerk

Ross Stein, Supervisor