

**SOUTH HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2022**

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

Absent: DeGrandchamp

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

January 12, 2022 minutes were accepted as presented.

The Post Commander for the Paw Paw Michigan State Police Post, Lt. Scott Ernstes was in attendance to give an award to three members of the community for their heroism and bravery during a house explosion this past year. Aaron and Shaun Presley and Savannah Hathaway received the awards. Chief Thompson reported for the SHPD, SHAES Director Brandon Hinz gave a report, and Gail Gladney our Van Buren County Commissioner reported for the County.

Motion by Wiatrowski, supported by Lewandowski, to accept the Agenda with an amendment by Supervisor Stein moving the closed session to review Attorney correspondence to the end of the Reports section of the meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

South Haven City Manager Kate Hosier gave community internet updates. The County has hired DTS and will be funding this study. Our plans to hire Merritt will be put on hold until DTS is completed. Supervisor Stein did report that installation and supplies for increased internet capabilities is many months out as so many communities are jumping on increasing their capabilities. He also reported that the Van Buren County plan will include Casco as they are a part of the South Haven area.

Motion by Kiry, supported by Fisher, to adopt Resolution 22-03 New Poverty Exemption Guidelines provided by our Assessor. All voted in favor by roll call vote. Motion carried.

Motion by Wiatrowski, supported by Lewandowski, to approve Resolution 22-04 a Resolution Introducing Ordinance 150 that will allow South Haven Township to have MTS provide plumbing inspections for the Township instead of the State of Michigan. All voted in favor by roll call vote. Motion carried.

Motion by Bertorelli, supported by Kiry, to hire Siegfried Crandall to conduct the audit of the Township 2021 books. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Stein, supported by Kiry, to approve appointing Eric Leatherberry to the Board of Review. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Wiatrowski, supported by Kiry, to approve a new Fee Schedule for Permits and Applications. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Condominium Documents for Cottages at Wood Crest were reviewed. Motion by Kiry, supported by Wiatrowski, to ratify the Condominium Documents. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Wiatrowski, supported by Bertorelli, to adopt Resolution 22-05, accepting the Road Certification from the engineer for the Cottages at Wood Crest development so that building permits can start to be issued. All voted in favor by roll call vote. Motion carried.

Motion by Bertorelli, supported by Wiatrowski, to approve the contract with Elevate Landscape Company for Spring/Summer/Fall work at the township hall. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Bertorelli, supported by Wiatrowski, to ask Elevate to delay their work at Deerlick Park and alter their contract to deal with improvements that are scheduled to be completed this spring. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Wiatrowski, supported by Fisher, to move into Closed Session to review attorney correspondence regarding Deerlick Park at 8:28. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Wiatrowski, supported by Kiry, to move back to the Regular Township Board Meeting Open Meeting at 8:46. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Stein, supported by Wiatrowski, to direct our Attorney to inform the owners of the property immediately north of Deerlick Park to sign the original agreement sent to them by the attorney by March 8, 2022 or remove the illegally placed boulders. Further the boulders need to be removed before the restorative work begins at Deerlick which is currently scheduled to be completed by March 31, 2022, and the work to remove the boulders needs to be performed without using township property for access to the boulders. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Fisher, supported by Lewandowski, to approve payment of anticipated bills in the amount of \$108,456.30. All voted in favor by roll call vote. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Brenda Bertorelli, Clerk

Ross Stein, Supervisor

