

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Township of Somerset Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Scott Burns on Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 7PM in the Somerset Center Community Room, 12715 E. Chicago Road, Somerset Center, Michigan. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. There were 28 citizens in attendance.

**ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Supervisor - Scott Burns – (Present)  
Treasurer - Michelle Gramm – (Present)  
Trustee - Tim Shaw – (Present)  
Trustee – Steve Meckley – (Present)  
Clerk - Mike Bohnet - (Present)

**AGENDA** - Supervisor Burns asked for any changes to the agenda. Supervisor Burns motioned to approve the agenda. Second Meckley. Vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Agenda approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Opened at 7:02 PM. 2 citizens came forward to speak. Closed at 7:05 PM.

**REPORTS**

**Fire & Rescue** – Chief Friess gave the Fire and EMS report for December, 2018. Fire and EMS calls for December were 84 for a 2018 total of 1024 calls which is an increase of 126 calls compared to last year. During December there were 74 medical emergencies, 6 fires, and 4 vehicle accidents. Treasurer Gramm motioned to approve invoices for vehicle 14-62 and vehicle 14-32 in the amounts of \$3,136.59 and \$3,077.76 respectively for annual vehicle maintenance. Second Burns. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Gramm, Meckley, Shaw, Bohnet and Burns. Nays: None. Motion carried. Supervisor Burns motioned to approve expenditure for \$11,240.00 for SCBA masks to satisfy additional 5% required for Grant. Second Gramm. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Meckley, Shaw, Bohnet, Gramm and Burns. Nays: None. Motion carried. (See Attachment #1)

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Gramm reported that summer taxes were 96% collected of \$2.6M and the winter taxes were 50% collected of the \$ 3.8M. The Treasurer's office will be open Saturday morning, February 9th.

**Police Report** – Chief Stolberg gave the Police report for the month of December, 2018. Hours worked were 544.5, miles driven 3,425 and 13 citations issued. There were 7 auto crashes, 7 arrests and 62 complaints. (See Attachment #2).

**Parks & Recreation** – Treasurer Gramm gave the report from the February 6, 2019 meeting. Supervisor Burns reported that one Engineering Contractor had responded to his inquiries about bridge abutments in Mc Courtie Park.

**Jerome Community Building (JCB)** – Chairperson, Delores Smith-Post gave the JCB report for January, 2018. A \$100 donation was received. Stairway and Bathroom construction completed. Volunteer hours were 14. ( See Attachment #3 ).

**Supervisors Report** – Supervisor Burns reported on the Post office snow removal contract, the Plaza electrical shutoff which has been referred to the Township Attorney.

**Assessor Report-** No report this month.

**Hillsdale County Commission** – Commissioner Tim Shaw was in attendance and updated the Board of Trustees regarding Hillsdale County Commission activity .

**Planning Commission** – Supervisor Burns accepted Planning Commission Annual report as required by the Planning Commission By-Laws. ( See Attachment #4 ).

**Zoning Board of Appeals** - Supervisor Burns accepted Zoning Board of Appeals Annual Report as required by the Zoning Board of appeals By-Laws. ( See Attachment #5 ).

**Flash Report** - Clerk Bohnet reported that 6 month year to date expenditures were \$1,128K compared to revenue of \$521K resulting in a \$607K shortfall. Burn rate for the next 6 months is \$195K/month. Amended Budget for 2018/19 is \$2.3 M. State shared revenue of \$71K received. (See attachment # 6).

**FINANCES** - Clerk Bohnet motioned to pay the January 2019 accounts payable bills in the amount of \$67,134.98 and payroll in the amount of \$55,820.70 totaling \$122,955.68. Second Shaw. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Shaw, Bohnet, Gramm, Meckley and Burns. Nays: None. Motion carried. (See Attachment #7 & #8).

**CONSENT AGENDA** - Supervisor Burns motioned to approve the consent agenda for the following 4 items. Second Meckley. Vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes from the December 20, 2018 Somerset Township Board of Trustees meeting.

Approve Communications List for January, 2018.

Approve extension of due date for the 2018 Winter Tax Roll to Thursday, February 28, 2019.

Approve allowing Treasurer to negotiate Collection Fee for 2019 Summer Tax Collection.

**MARIJAUNA** - Supervisor Burns motioned to suspend the Board of Trustees meeting and open the public hearing on Marijuana at 7:30 PM. Second Gramm. Vote Ayes: 5. Nays: None. Motioned carried. 4 individuals came forward to speak. Supervisor Burns then motioned to close the public hearing at 7:45 PM and reconvene the Board of Trustees meeting. Second Shaw. Vote Ayes: 5. Nays: None. Motioned carried. (See Attachment #9, #10 & #11).

Clerk Bohnet motioned to have the Township Attorney develop an ordinance to prohibit Medical Marijuana CLASS A, B & C grower licenses. Second Shaw. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Gramm, Meckley, Shaw, and Bohnet. Nays: Burns. Motion carried.

Supervisor Burns made the motion to have the Township Attorney develop an ordinance to prohibit Medical Marijuana Processor licenses. Second Shaw. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Meckley, Shaw, Bohnet, Gramm and Burns. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Supervisor Burns made the motion to have the Township Attorney develop an ordinance to prohibit Medical Marijuana Provisioning Center (Dispensary) licenses. Second Bohnet. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Shaw, Bohnet, Gramm, Meckley and Burns. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Medical Marijuana Trustee Shaw made the motion to have the Township Attorney develop an ordinance to prohibit Transporter Licenses. Second Gramm. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Bohnet, Gramm and Shaw. Nays: Burns and Meckley. Motion carried.

Supervisor Burns made the motion to have the Township Attorney develop an ordinance to prohibit Medical Marijuana Safety Compliance Facility licenses. Second Meckley. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Gramm, Meckley, Shaw, Bohnet, and Burns. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Clerk Bohnet motioned to have the Township Attorney develop a short term prohibition of Recreational Commercial licenses to December 17, 2019, pending the State of Michigan's development of specific rules. Second Gramm. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Meckley, Shaw, Bohnet, Gramm and Burns. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Supervisor Burns said once the Marijuana licenses have been drafted by the attorney they will be sent to the Planning Commission, a public hearing will be held and the Board of Trustees will vote on the ordinances.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Somerset Township Survey and Property disposition – Supervisor Burns stated that a Special board meeting would be called once the Township Lawyer has finished reviewing all pertinent documents. No action taken.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Hillsdale County Road Commission (HCRC)** - Supervisor Burns and Clerk Bohnet reported on the January 17<sup>th</sup> meeting at the HCRC office in Hillsdale. There were 4 residents of Somerset Township in attendance. The Shannon Drive project was discussed and the Commissioners agreed to review this project. A chart showing the condition of all gravel and paved private roads in Somerset Township was reviewed by the Road Commission. 2019 projects were discussed. HCRC local road expenditures were \$470K for 2018 of which \$275K went to Somerset roads versus Somerset's fair share of \$234K. This money comes from the Michigan Transportation Fund of \$2M. The Commission agreed to give the Township feed-back on the cost to resurface all roads at Lake LeAnn ( North and South) and Lake Somerset so that a special assessment proposal could be presented to the two Lake Associations.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

TOWNSHIP OFFICES CLOSED ON MONDAY, JANUARY 21st for MLK day.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Opened at 8:40 PM. 4 individuals came forward to speak. Closed at 8:45PM.

Hearing no further public comment, meeting was adjourned at 8:46 PM by Supervisor Burns.

Respectfully submitted by Michael C. Bohnet, Somerset Township Clerk.