

**SOUTH HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH, 2015**

Present: Kiry, Stein, Dopp, Fisher, DeGrandchamp, and Bertorelli.

Absent: Jessup

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

September 9, 2015 minutes were accepted as presented.

Natalie Thompson from the South Haven Police Department was in attendance to give a report, as was Mike Henry, Van Buren County Commissioner and Karen Kiry from Senior Services.

Communication from Attorney Mark Manning regarding blight issues will be placed on the next agenda.

The Township Hall offices reported that there was no update on the Lake Bluff Motel lawsuit appeal.

The Township Office has not yet heard from the Van Buren County Drain Commissioner on its request to investigate issues behind the bowling alley.

Motion by DeGrandchamp, supported by Kiry, to open the public hearing for the 2016 Budget. All voted in favor. Motion carried. A budget worksheet was presented and details were explained.

Motion by DeGrandchamp, supported by Fisher, to close the public hearing. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by DeGrandchamp, supported by Kiry, to adopt the 2016 Budget as presented. All voted in favor by roll call vote. Motion carried.

Motion by DeGrandchamp, supported by Bertorelli, to adopt a resolution supporting the Lake Michigan Trails Network. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Bertorelli, supported by Fisher, to accept the bid from deBest, Inc. for snow plowing services for the 2015-16 winter. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Stein, supported by Kiry, to appoint David Wiatrowski to replace Sandy Dopp as trustee to complete Mr. Dopp's remaining term. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Reports from various committees and authorities were received. Jean Stein and W.C. Askew were present to report for the Library and Road Commission.

Residents from the Deerlick Park neighborhood were in attendance and spoke during the Park Committee report period.

Motion by DeGrandchamp, supported by Fisher, to approve contracting with deBest for repairs at Deerlick Park. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

During further discussion it was decided to change the signs on the south side of the west parking lot that seem confusing, move the one lane bridge sign further east on 13th Avenue and designate the parking on the south side of the east parking area to lessen confusion.

A traffic study has been completed by the SHPD, and investigation into the amount of parking spaces we should provide was completed.

Motion by Fisher, supported by Bertorelli, for the Township Treasurer to opt out of collecting summer taxes. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Fisher, supported by DeGrandchamp, to approve payment of anticipated bills in the amount of \$45,675.02. All voted in favor by roll call. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Brenda Bertorelli, Clerk

Ross Stein, Supervisor