

Holly Township  
Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting  
Minutes of July 20, 2016

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**Call to Order:** Supervisor Smith called the regular meeting of the Holly Township Board of Trustees to order at 6:30 p.m. At the Holly Township Hall, 102 Civic Drive, Holly Michigan.

Pledge of Allegiance

**Roll Call**

**Members Present:**

Dale Smith, Supervisor

Karin Winchester, Clerk

Mark Freeman, Treasurer

Steve Ruth, Trustee

Mark Cornwell, Trustee

Trustee Cornwell noticed a typo in the June minutes; item #9 had some of the same wording from item #8 duplicated. Clerk Winchester made a motion to approve the minutes as amended.

- **Clerk Winchester moved to approve the Agenda as amended, by updating item #9 wording. Trustee Cornwell supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken; all those present voted yes; the motion carried by a 5/0 vote.**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Agenda Approval.
2. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes – June 15, 2016.
3. Approval of Financial Statement – June 2016.
4. Approval of Bills for Payment – July 2016.
5. Routine Reports:
  - A. N.O.C.F.A. Minutes – June 16, 2016.
  - B. Planning Commission Minutes – June 7, 2016.
  - C. Building Permits – June 2016.
  - D. Treasurer’s Annual and Quarterly Report – June 30, 2016.
6. Set Public Hearings: None.
7. Communications: None.

**Public Hearings:** None

**Presentation:** None

**Reports:** Supervisor Smith stated on July 12, he and Trustee Cornwell met with Jerry Walker and Ryan Bladzick from the Village, and started discussions regarding a possible Act 425 agreement. They have another meeting coming up July 26, and he will provide information if any

updates are made. An update on the Adventure Park; it's not moving along very fast, but looks like it has a good chance of going forward.

Treasurer Freeman stated Consumer's Power Company purchased property at the corner of Fish Lake Rd and Grange Hall Rd, to build a substation with an entrance on Fish Lake Rd. He met with them and expressed his concerns of constructing high power lines and clear cutting a section for a 40 ft. easement down Fish Lake Rd South. They are going to each property owner to purchase 40 ft. easements, which they had already been approved for years ago, with an open easement agreement. He wants to make sure that everyone is aware of this, as the Township owns 2 parcels in that area. Consumers still needs to do a "Property Transfer Affidavit." He requested this from them, as there is supposed to be a 45day limit after the purchase of the property to turn this in. As this item progresses, he will provide the board with more information. Since this is considered an Essential Service, we have no control over it, but Consumers generally seems easy to cooperate with. His concern is that the State will buy the property, but we need to make sure they will be the owner and will pay taxes.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items Only:**

Timm Smith, 14525 N. Holly Rd, addressed the board.

Jim Manning, 210 Grant St, addressed the board.

**Old Business:**

1. Proposed Amendments to the Outdoor Gatherings Ordinance.
  - **Clerk Winchester made a motion to send this back to the Township attorney for a Zoning Ordinance review. Trustee Ruth supported the motion. A voice vote was taken; all those present voted yes; motion carried 5/0.**

**New Business:**

1. Request to Replace Plaque Honoring Vietnam War Vets.

The current plaque is made of bronze; therefore it cannot be edited to add the additional vet's name. It was verified that the vet, Richard Charles Bachert, went to Holly Schools and did serve in Vietnam, so his name will be added. Granite is cheaper, but will not look as nice as the Bronze one. There should be no further additions to the plaque after this.

- **Clerk Winchester made a motion to approve the Request to Replace Plaque Honoring Vietnam War Vets, with a 3 way split of the funds between the VFW, Holly Twp., and the American Legion. Trustee Ruth supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken; all those present voted yes; motion carried by a 5/0 vote.**

2. Opposition to Reginal Transportation Authority Millage Proposal – Proposed Resolution 2016-11.

The Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan (RTA) proposal for a 1.2 mill, 20 year tax increase, would create a mass transit system that would not serve the Township. The RTA Master Plan only benefits a few Oakland County communities, and was created by the State legislature without consent of the voters or local governments. There is also no “opt out” provision available to the Township. The Township already allocates funds to the SMART program, which does provide service to the Townships residents. Basically, they want to tax us on something that we will not benefit from.

- **Trustee Ruth made a motion to Oppose the Regional Transportation Millage Proposal – Proposed Resolution 2016-11. Treasurer Freeman supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken; all those present voted yes; motion carried by a 5/0 vote.**

3. Fall Clean-up.

- **Trustee Cornwell moved to approve the annual Fall clean-up scheduled for Saturday October 1, from 8am – 4pm. Clerk Winchester supported the motion. A voice vote was taken; all those present voted yes; motion passed by a 5/0 vote.**

4. Shared Driveway Committee Appointments.

Supervisor Smith stated in his opinion, he would like to appoint Mark Freeman, Ted Gurski, and Karin Winchester to make up the Committee. This committee would come together if any issues arise where neighbors share a driveway.

- **Trustee Ruth moved to approve the appointment of Mark Freeman, Ted Gurski, and Karin Winchester to make up the Shared Driveway Committee. Trustee Cornwell supported the motion. A voice vote was taken; all those present voted yes; motion passed by a 5/0 vote.**

5. 2015-2016 Holly Area Youth Assistance Contract.

- **Clerk Winchester moved to approve the 2015-2016 Holly Area Youth Assistance Contract. Treasurer Freeman supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken; all those present voted yes; motion passed by a 5/0 vote.**

6. Transfer 2017 SMART Funds to the Village Of Holly – Proposed Resolution 2016-12.

- **Trustee Freeman moved to approve the Transfer of the 2017 SMART Funds to the Village Of Holly – Proposed Resolution 2016-12, as is done annually. Clerk Winchester supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken; all those present voted yes; the motion passed by a 5/0 vote.**

7. Oakland County Cooperative, Invasive Species Management Area.

Supervisor Smith stated he has noticed certain invasive species growing in abundance around the community. He will get more information on the Oakland County Cooperative Invasive Species Management contracts, if there is interest.

- **Clerk Winchester moved to postpone the invasive species management discussion, until Supervisor Smith has more information for the Board. Treasurer Freeman supported the motion. A voice vote was taken; all those present voted yes; motion passed by a 5/0 vote.**

**Public Comment:**

Tim Smith, 14525 N Holly Rd, addressed the board.

Jim Manning, 210 Grant St, addressed the board.

Charles Gross, 6401 Lahring Rd, addressed the board.

**Adjournment**

Supervisor Smith, hearing no other business, adjourned the meeting at 7:05 pm.

Courtney Bird  
Recording Secretary