

WINSOR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

December 5, 2017

The regular meeting of the Winsor Township Board was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by John P. Kohr, Supervisor.

Present: Robin Buschlen, Nancy Heck, John P. Kohr, David McCormick, John Walsh, Nick Pavlechik, Fire Chief, Todd Talaski, Huron County Commissioner and Seth Stapleton from the Huron Daily Tribune

The pledge of allegiance was given.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Winsor Township Board, held November 7, 2017 had been mailed to each board member. There being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

A motion was made by Robin Buschlen and supported by Nancy Heck to approve the November 2017 bills and to authorize payment of the December 2017 bills of \$122,679.28. The motion carried.

Bills paid November 2017– schedules attached

Huron County Road Commission	\$	399,541.55
Approved last meeting	\$	4571.74
Paid during the month	\$	7,997.84
Auto Pays	\$	1,817.78
Net payroll	\$	6,241.00

John Walsh reviewed journal entries and General Fund financial statements at November 30, 2017. A motion was made by David McCormick, supported by Nancy Heck, to approve the journal entries and financial statements. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Nancy Heck, supported by Robin Buschlen, to adopt a resolution, in the form attached to these minutes, expressing the opposition of Winsor Township to House Bills 5096, 5097, and 5098 and to transmit a copy of the resolution to our elected State Officials. The motion carried.

John Kohr reviewed the 2017 Paser Road Ratings for the township

Nick Pavlechik Fire Chief, reviewed department activities.

Todd Talaski, Huron County Commissioner, reviewed county activities,

Robbin Buschlen discussed several junk yard issues.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Robin Buschlen, supported by David McCormick to adjourn. The motion carried.

John Walsh, CPA

Winsor Township Clerk

WHEREAS: House Bills 5096, 5097 and 5098 seek to amend various local government statues and the County Road Law in a way that would significantly reduce local governments, county road agencies and county Drain Commissions abilities to charge adequate fees, provide safe and reasonable criteria to access public jurisdictions and collect adequate bonding should these properties be damaged and need restoration from telecommunication providers and their contractors that wish to work, install and maintain cable, fiber-optics, extended poles/antennas, towers and power units on public properties; and

WHEREAS, the effect of these bills would force local government, county road agencies, public works department and drain commissions to subsidize telecommunications with local and Michigan Transportation Funds; and

WHEREAS, as legal guardians of the public property and road ROW, local government, county drain commissions and county road agencies must ensure work in their jurisdictions is performed safely , does not damage our infrastructure and meets engineering standards (above/below ground) along with federal and state requirements; and

WHEREAS, local government, county road agencies do not profit by issuing permits, but simply recover the costs of issuing permits, making site inspections and performing related tasks and, when the project is completed, funds should be reconciled with the permit holder; and

WHEREAS, HB 5096, 5097 and 5098 limits fees to \$300 permit or \$1,000 on multiple projects: and

WHEREAS, such a "one-size-fits-all" fee does not account for the type of work planned in a rural or urban setting, nor does it consider the risks a project may pose and in general the bills supplant engineering-based management with a " cookie cutter approach that puts public and workers at risk; and

WHEREAS, HB 5096, 5097 and 5098 limits security/bonding to \$20,000 regardless of the potential risk and damage beyond that amount, rural vs. urban setting and requires that bonds be returned within 60 days after a project is completed, even if damage is being contested; and

WHEREAS, that while the telecommunications industry may be able to point to isolated instances of local obstacles, it is certainly not a statewide problem; now therefore, be it

Resolved by the Winsor Township Board that we urge our elected Representative and Senator to oppose House Bills 5096, 5097 and 5098 and that copies of this resolution be transmitted to our elected State Officials.



John Walsh
Winsor Township Clerk