

OSCEOLA COUNTY TOWNSHIPS ASSOCIATION

Minutes

February 9, 2010

Osceola County Courthouse

The meeting was called to order by President Peggy Hoard at 2:00 p.m. with prayer and our pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

The meeting roll call was: Burdell – 2; Cedar – 0; Ewart – 3; Hartwick – 2; Hersey – 1; Highland – 1; LeRoy – 1; Lincoln – 2; Marion – 0; Middle Branch – 3; Orient – 0; Osceola – 1; Richmond – 2; Rose Lake – 2; Sherman – 1; Sylvan – 1; Osceola County Road Commissioner Alan Gingrich; Candidates Morris Langworthy, Gary Finstrom, Jeremy Mishler; Pat McCall from the State of Michigan.

The minutes of the November 30, 2009 meeting were accepted as corrected.

Treasurer's report. Patty Gregory reported an ending balance of \$2,777.10. No bills were presented. Motion by A. Moyses, 2nd by D. Gingrich to accept treasurer's report. Passed.

The costs for the mailing for the February 9, 2010 meeting were shared with the Osceola County Equalization Department. OCTA paid for ½ postage and provided the all of the envelopes. The Equalization Department paid for ½ postage, all of the printing printing, and all of the labels.

Candidates introduced themselves:

Michigan House of Representatives 102nd District:

Jeremy Mishler from Big Rapids Township

Morris Langworthy from Rose Lake Township

Michigan State Senate 35th District:

Gary Finstrom from Wexford County, 5th term Sheriff

Osceola County Road Commissioner Alan Gingrich again talked to the group about the possibility of townships putting millage requests on the ballot for the voters. The ballot language needs to be turned in to the county clerk by May 24 for the primary election and August 25 for the general election. He also announced that he will be running for re-election.

Pat McCall, property analyst for the Assessment and Certification Division of the Michigan Department of Treasury, explained the Mini 14-point Review that is being done around the state. Counties are randomly selected each year to go through the process. It is possible that Osceola County townships will have the review done within the next 4 years. He emphasized local township accountability of the assessing process. Concerns were discussed about the potential high cost that may be possible if a township is not in compliance.

Motion to adjourn made by A. Moyses, 2nd by D. Gingrich at 3:20 p.m. Adjourned.

The next meeting will be May 24, 2010 at the Rose Lake Township Hall at 7 p.m. The program will provide information about geo-thermal heating and cooling.

Respectfully Submitted,

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