

**CANNON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
HELD ON OCTOBER 23, 2017**

Supervisor Steve Grimm called the regular meeting of the Cannon Township Board to order at 7:00 pm. Trustee David Spencer offered the invocation.

MEMBERS PRESENT (ALL): Supervisor Steve Grimm, Clerk Deb Diepenhorst, Treasurer Kim McKay, Trustees Jim Alles, Terry Brod, Dick Davies and David Spencer

AGENDA & CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1) Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting – October 9, 2017**
- 2) Approval of Bills: General #13192-#13230, Sewer Bond #161**
- 3) Planning Commission Minutes – September 12, 2017**
- 4) Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes - August 15, 2017**
- 5) Treasurer’s Report – September 30, 2017**

Motion by Kim McKay, supported by Dick Davies, to approve the Agenda and the Consent Agenda. Voice vote: Ayes-7, Nays-0. Motion carried.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PENDING BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

1) Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate Appointment – Todd Van Eck

Mr. Grimm recommended Todd Van Eck to fill the position of Zoning Board of Appeals alternate.

Motion by Steve Grimm, supported by Deb Diepenhorst, to approve the appointment of Todd Van Eck for the alternate position on the Zoning Board Appeals. Voice vote: Ayes-7, Nays-0. Motion carried.

2) Cell Tower Discussion

- a) American Tower Contract Options Proposal**
- b) Lease – Central States Tower Holdings**
- c) New Cingular Wireless PCS**

American Tower’s letter (10/13/17) describes the proposal options available to their landlords (lump-sum payment and monthly or annual installment payments). They need a decision prior to December 30, 2017. The Board directed the Facilities Committee to research the figures and the previous proposal to report back to the Board at the next meeting.

3) Sidewalks

Ms. Diepenhorst explained that she and Zoning Administrator Lovelace are looking for direction regarding the maintenance/repairs of sidewalks. Currently there is no clear guidance in PUD ordinances. According to Attorney Scales' email (10/4/17), the County has no responsibility or liability for sidewalks. He did note that State Law places no direct obligation on the Township to repair and maintain public sidewalks. However, the Township can be held liable for injuries on public sidewalks if it is aware (at least 30 days before an occurrence) of a two-inch or more variation in the surface which causes an injury. The Planning Commission will review this at their next meeting with relation to the zoning ordinance updates and the general ordinances. Mr. Alles will contact the County Road Commission for the authority or contract regarding responsibility/liability for sidewalks. This will be brought back to the Board at the November 27, 2017 meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMEBERS

David Spencer – The Rockford Area Community Endowment has donated \$5000 to the Rockford School marching band for the Macy's Day Parade.

Terry Brod appreciates the updates posted on the website regarding the Wolverine water issues.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT – 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy L. Popma, CMC/MMC/CMMC
Cannon Township Deputy Clerk

Respectfully submitted:

Deb Diepenhorst
Cannon Township Clerk