

**IMLAY TOWNSHIP BOARD
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
January 3, 2018 - 7:30PM**

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Supervisor Steve Hoeksema, Clerk Liz Makedonsky, Treasurer Melanie Priehs, Trustee Carla Jepsen, Trustee Michael Guerin

Members Absent: None

Others Present: None

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor Hoeksema called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Clerk Makedonsky moved to approve the agenda as written; supported by Trustee Jepsen.

Motion carried.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

None

ACTION ITEMS

1. **House at 668 N. Van Dyke** – Supervisor Hoeksema presented information about the house at the address listed. The house caught fire in January 2017 and has not yet been repaired. The roof of the house is completely damaged. There is also a travel trailer on the property that Supervisor Hoeksema is led to believe the residents of the home are living in. The Board reviewed the Dangerous Buildings Ordinance. It was also discussed bypassing the ordinance and going to Circuit Court. Attorney Gildner was contacted, by telephone, to discuss legal responsibilities of the Township. Trustee Jepsen motioned to turn the house at 668 N. Van Dyke over to Attorney Gildner to take to court under the Township's Dangerous Buildings Ordinance; supported by Treasurer Priehs. **Motion carried.**
2. **Cemetery Signs** – Supervisor Hoeksema presented a quote for new signs in the cemetery with the updated rules. The quote for 5 signs, 24"x36", is \$404 from The Print Shop. Trustee Guerin moved to purchase 5 new signs, 24"x36" at a cost of \$404; supported my Treasurer Priehs. **Motion carried.**
3. **Goals for Imlay Township in 2018** – Discussion held.
Goals:
 - a. Adding the Zoning Ordinance back to the website – Clerk Makedonsky completed during the meeting.
 - b. Park Improvements – still waiting on MDNR results.
 - c. Fairgrounds Road improvements.
 - d. Increase Voter Turnout at 2018 Elections – Trustee Guerin will compose an informational letter/blog/social media post about this topic.
 - e. Property to the North of the Township Hall – cleaning up the brush.
 - f. Removal of marked trees from the cemetery – can be completed in this budget year – Supervisor Hoeksema will contact Edwards Tree Service to see if that can be done this winter.
 - g. Replacing trees in the cemetery in an area that will not be used for burials.
 - h. Dumpster Day 2018.

- i. Continue to enforce the Blight Ordinance and to clean up the Township, put together a list and a letter for the properties to be addressed.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURN

Supervisor Hoeksema declared the meeting **adjourned at 9:31pm.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Liz Makedonsky, Imlay Township Clerk

APPROVED