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****UNAPPROVED****

MINUTES: February 10, 2011

Supervisor Darwin Denslow called the meeting to order at 7:00pm with the pledge to the flag. Roll call shows present Darwin Denslow, Ginger Sherman, Shirley Sprague, Vernon May and Nora Quisenberry. Also present 4 visitors.

Additions to the agenda: January 20, 2011 – Zoning Workshop Minutes / Fire Contract to Bills

Minutes: The regular meeting minutes from January 13, 2011 at 7:00 pm were presented as written. Motion by Darwin, seconded by Vernon to approve the minutes as presented. Motion Carried. The zoning work shop meeting minutes from December 14, 2010 were presented as written. Motion by Vernon, seconded by Shirley to approve the minutes as presented. Motion Carried. The zoning work shop meeting minutes from January 20, 2011 were presented as written. Motion by Shirley, seconded by Vernon to approve the minutes as presented; with changes to Zoning Updates to be reviewed at a future meeting. Motion Carried.

Public Comment: Question about when repairs to the building will happen; explained when warmer weather hits as it is easier to work with the siding.

Treasurers Report: The Treasurer shows a balance of \$62,979.56 in the general fund account and a CD worth \$60,000. Treasurer's report for Winchester Subdivision Special Assessment Account \$957.74. Treasurer's report for Lackies Birch Haven #1, 2, 3, & 7 Special Assessment account balance shows \$1975.19. Motion was made by Ginger, seconded by Darwin to accept all treasurers' reports as presented. Motion carried.

Presentation of the Bills: Checks #8669 thru 8683 and EFT's for 941 payroll taxes and for 2-Verizon account and voiding check #8681 as were presented and discussed for the General Fund account totaling \$11,366.84. One check was presented for Winchester Sub Special Assessment account #1046 in the amount of \$380.00. One check was presented for Lackies Special Assessment account #1037 in the amount of \$450.00. Motion was made by Darwin, seconded by Shirley to pay all the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Assessor's Report: The Assessor reported permits issued and foreclosures verbally. She also stated that there had been approximately 500 foreclosures in last 3 years. No written report was available to this month. Motion by Shirley, Seconded by Ginger to accept report as presented. Motion carried.

Correspondence: MTA faxes, Commissioners Minutes, Planning Commission Minutes.

Old Business: Strategic planning focuses this past month: Should we continue? Keep it alive? Talk to Bill Merdeza per Jackie Brillhart maybe two pre-planned (same every year) semi-annual meetings per year that could be printed in tax newsletters??

Green Drain Update: written report from drain commissioner read aloud.

New Business: Frontier Communications has high speed internet in Remus now... getting closer to us.

Salary Resolutions: Darwin proposed a 3% cost of living increase across the board; as the board did *not* receive a cost of living increase last year and need to keep the salaries current. After some discussion it was agreed to proceed with the 3% increase across the board. As follows:

	<u>Resolution #</u>	<u>Current Salary</u>	<u>Motions by, seconded by:</u>	<u>2% Increase</u>	<u>Roll Call</u>
Supervisor	2011-01	\$8955.00	Shirley & Ginger	\$9223.56	5-ayes, 0-nays
Clerk	2011-02	\$14,304.00	Darwin & Vernon	\$14,733.12	5-ayes, 0-nays
Treasurer	2011-03	\$14,304.00	Ginger & Vernon	\$14,733.12*	5-ayes, 0-nays
*Breakdown for treasurer: Summer amount: \$10,233.12 and winter amount: \$4500.00					
Trustee	2011-04	\$2227.68	Darwin & Shirley	\$2363.760	5-ayes, 0-nays

Jackie Brillhart noted that maybe we ought to make Job descriptions available at Annual meeting for all to see; as the public will have a chance at Annual meeting to vote on the board's salary resolutions at that time.

Public Comment: Asked when assessment notices come out? Darwin noted by March 1, 2011.

Board Comment: Ginger to call Judy Wehr and see if she still wants to continue cemetery maintenance? Shirley would like to have townships insurance agent come to the meeting to discuss some questions about townships insurance policy. Ginger will invite him to a meeting.

Adjourn: Motion by Vernon to adjourn meeting, Seconded by Nora. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned at 8:44pm.

Written By: *Ginger Sherman, Clerk*
Ginger Sherman, Sheridan Township Clerk *Dated: February 18, 2011*