

**Summit Township
Mason County, Michigan
Regular meeting
December 3rd, 2012 7:00 P.M.**

1. Call to order
 - Pledge of allegiance
2. Roll Call of Officers
3. Approval of agenda
4. Approval of October 1st, 2012 minutes
 - Approval of Special Meeting minutes from Oct 22nd, 2012
5. Communications
6. Brief Public Comment (2-3 minutes)
7. Old Business
 - A. Cemetery Ordinance
 - B. Parks and Maintenance
8. New Business
 - A. Sheriff's Report
 - B. Commissioner's Report
 - C. Approval of Property Transfer as per Mason County Treasure
19. Officers Reports
 - A. Treasure's Report
 - 1. Pay the bills checks numbered 8713-8755
 - B. Clerk's report
 - C. Supervisor's report
10. Extended public Comment (5 minutes)
11. Adjournment

October 1, 2012

Supervisor Nancy Estola called the regular meeting of the Summit Township Board to order at 7:00 pm.

Members present: Supervisor Estola, Mary Samuels Clerk, Treasurer Mary Bedker, Trustees Duane Cooper and Terry Woirol. All members were present.

Motion by Cooper seconded by Woirol to approve the agenda as amended. Ayes all. Motion carried.

The minutes of the August 6, 2012 regular meeting were approved as presented with a motion by Woirol, seconded by Cooper. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Communications were read from the Mason County Planning Commission. There will be a Mason County Town Hall meeting to discuss the County Master Plan at the Ramada Inn on October 11th from 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm. Total funds collected for the Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Program was \$19,424.00. There was 22,131 pounds of waste collected.

Brief public comment was received from Nick Krieger and Jeff Nellis. Both are Candidates for Probate Court. There will be a debate held on October 23rd at the West Shore Community College.

Mason County Rural Fire Authority-No Report

Under Old Business the Following was Discussed:

- 1. Summit Park Repairs-**T Woirol will check into removing some of the steps going down to Lake Michigan and check on purchasing sod to fill in some of the areas at the park where the grass is worn down.
- 2. Propane for Townhall-**Motion by Cooper and seconded by Bedker to switch to Amerigas at a lesser cost when the current tank reaches 5%. Ayes all. Motion carried.
- 3. Signs at Kibby Creek -**Signs have been completed and placed.
- 4. Cemetery Update-**Continue to work on Phase I. The roads and curbing are in and the water line is buried. The first phase is scheduled to be completed sometime in November.
- 5. Bass Lake Outlet-**There have been some issues with trespassing at the Bass Lake Outlet due to the way the water is now flowing. M Samuels spoke with Barry Peterman of the DEQ and he stated they would not issue a permit for dredging. It was suggested that signs stating private property be posted if the problem persists.

Under New Business the Following was Discussed:

- 1. Sheriff Report-**A little more activity than usual. 10 Service calls received. Sheriff Fiers will be running as a write in candidate in the November election.
- 2. Commissioner's Report-**No Report
- 3. Assessor Level Change-**There may be some changes made in 2014 that could affect the Level of Certification required to Assess the Township property based on the total value. This change may affect all Assessors with a Level I and II certification. The Assessors are working on getting some clarification on these proposed changes.
- 4. Cemetery Ordinance-**A special meeting will be planned for October 22, 2012 or November 5, 2012 to discuss an Ordinance for the new Township Cemetery. Various funeral home directors will be invited to provide some input for the operation of the cemetery.

- 5. Asphalt and Hydro Seed Bids for Cemetery**-Motion by Samuels and seconded by Woirol to award the bid for asphalt to Ron Brown and Sons at a cost of \$21,195.00 and award the bid for hydro seed to Larson's Landscaping for \$3,887.00. Ayes all. Motion carried.
- 6. Allocate Funds for Cemetery**-Motion by Bedker, seconded by Samuels to cash in the Certificate of Deposit with PNC Bank in the amount of \$111,000.00 to pay for the construction of the Deren Road Cemetery. Ayes all. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was given with a July 31, 2012 balance of \$557,266.22, disbursement of \$51,165.47, revenues of \$64,006.78 leaving a September 30, 2012 balance of \$570,107.53.

Woirol made a motion to pay the bills totaling \$51,165.47 for check numbers 8662 through 8712 inclusive. Seconded by Cooper. Ayes all. Motion carried.

There being no further business the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m. with a Motion by Cooper, seconded by Bedker. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Mary Samuels Summit Township Clerk

**SUMMIT TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 22, 2012**

Supervisor Estola called a special meeting to order of the Summit Township Board on October 22, 2012 at 6:30 pm.

Present: Supervisor Nancy Estola, Clerk Mary Samuels, Treasurer Mary Bedker, Trustees Duane Cooper and Terry Woirol.
All members were present.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss adopting an ordinance for the Deren Road Cemetery and to establish a Receiving Board for Elections.

A motion was made by Cooper and seconded by Woirol to adopt a Resolution Establishing a Receiving Board For Elections in Summit Township. (Attached)
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Estola, Samuels, Bedker, Cooper and Woirol.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

Randy Wyman Funeral Director from Wyman's Funeral Home in Scottville, Michigan was present to offer suggestions regarding charges for the sale of Lots and Niches and charges for regular burials and for cremains. He suggested only allowing two cremains per lot.

There was also discussion regarding the need to set up a Cemetery Trust Fund. It was discussed to have two separate charges for Resident and Non-Resident. Open/Close full burials for Summit Township Residents will be \$350.00 and \$600.00 for Non Residents.

Burials for Cremains will be \$150.00 for Summit Township residents and \$250.00 for Non Residents.

Charges for plots will be \$350.00 to Summit Township Residents Only.

Charges for a niche will be \$750.00. 15% of the proceeds for the sale of the plots and niches will be placed in the Cemetery Trust Fund.

Sizes of Monuments was also discussed. It was determined that Monuments placed could be no larger than 2'x3'x18".

No action was taken regarding the fees at this time. Will work on the Ordinance and discuss again at the December 3rd, 2012 regular meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Mary Samuels
Summit Township Clerk

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November 8, 2012

Mary Samuels
Summit Township Clerk
4560 W. Anthony Rd.
Ludington, MI 49431

Re: Tax Reverted Lands Transfer

Dear Ms. Samuels:

This letter is being written in to inform Summit Township that title to the below listed property will be transferred to the Township not later than December 31, 2012 unless the township board objects to the transfer. This property was foreclosed upon by the Mason County Treasurer on March 31, 2012 for the nonpayment of 2009 and/or prior year's property taxes. It was not purchased at either of the two (2) tax reverted land auctions held to sell this property. The transfer of unsold property to the township is required under the provisions of Section 78m (6) of the Michigan General Property Tax Act, being Michigan Public Act 206 of 1893, as amended, a copy of which is enclosed for your reference. As a result of this transfer, the township will also be responsible for the payment of the 2012 summer and winter property taxes.

The property to be transferred is:

1. 53-014-218-039-00 – Lots 39 & 40, Block 18, Bass Lake Park

If the Township objects to the transfer, we must receive written notification not later than December 30, 2012. The title will then remain with the Mason County Treasurer. If you do not object by the deadline then title will vest in the Township as of December 31, 2012.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or need additional information.



Timothy D. Hansen
Mason County Treasurer

CC: N. Estola – Summit Township Supervisor
M. Bedker – Summit Township Treasurer
M.L. Nichols – 7th District County Commissioner



STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY
LANSING

RICK SNYDER
GOVERNOR

ANDY DILLON
STATE TREASURER

November 20, 2012

Bryan J. Fix
Dow Chemical Company
2030 Dow Center
Midland, MI 48674

Dear Sir/Madam:

The State Tax Commission (Commission) has received a letter from The Dow Chemical Company requesting revocation of water pollution control tax exemption certificate number 2-1801 filed by Dow Chemical Company, located at Summit Brinefields Modernization, Township of Summit, Mason County.

At their December 13, 2012 meeting, the Commission will consider this revocation request. If revoked, the revocation will be effective December 31, 2012.

If you have any questions, please contact the Property Services Division at (517) 373-2408.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kelli Sobel".

Kelli Sobel, Executive Secretary
State Tax Commission

cc: Sammy S. Barnett, Assessor, Township of Summit
Clerk, Township of Summit