

**VIENNA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2015**  
**CYNTHIA J. BRYAN, CLERK**

**Roll Call: Present:** Rizk, Bryan, Cain, Fuller, Lemieux, Belill, Thomas  
**Absent:** None

**Previous Minutes:** June 1, 2015. Moved by Bryan, seconded by Thomas to approve the minutes of June 1, 2015 with any changes and corrections. All in favor

**Bills:** Bills in the amount of \$ 22,998.33 were presented. Moved by Cain, seconded by Bryan to approve the bills in the amount of \$ 22,998.33.  
**ROLL CALL:** Yeas – Rizk, Bryan, Cain, Fuller, Lemieux, Belill, Thomas  
Nays – None Motion carried

**Treasurer’s Report:** Cain presented the May 31, 2015 Treasurers Report.

**Building Report:** Bryan presented the May 2015 Building Report.

**Library Report:** Thomas reported a successful egg roll making event with 22 people in attendance.

**Senior Center Report:** Burton reported the Senior Center is operating in the red with a deficit of \$323.94 and the advisory council meeting for the gcard senior nutrition program is tomorrow and two representatives from the Board will be in attendance. Burton stated the Genesee County Collaborative is at the Senior Center on June 25<sup>th</sup> to look at pooling resources for the area, July 14<sup>th</sup> is senior day at the Flint Farmers Market, and August 5<sup>th</sup> is senior day at the Genesee County Fair. Burton announced the center would be closed July 3<sup>rd</sup> for the holiday and will be open July 6<sup>th</sup>. Bryan stated the Center would be closed on a different day as the Township because of the meals program.

**Fire Authority Report:** Cain reported the bids on the new truck have been received and the committee has chosen a manufacturer, but is in the process of looking at ways to trim the cost and will bring it back to the Board at the next Fire Authority meeting.

**BDA Report:** Belill reported the BDA now has a full Board and they recently granted the amphitheater a \$5,000.00 donation for advertising dollars for the 2015 season which will bring business to the area.

**Supervisor Report:** Rizk stated he met with the sheriff and undersheriff regarding issues in the Township, which aren’t different than issues of other townships, and they are looking at the

opportunity to get surveillance cameras installed at some of the busy intersections and other areas the community feel are important. Rizk explained if nothing else it could be a psychological deterrent.

**Additions/Changes:** Tabled Item 4 under New Business

**Correspondence:** Katie Montague, Cannabis Cup  
Deborah Montague, Cannabis Cup  
John Montague, Cannabis Cup

**Public Comment:** Barry Mann, 1572 Morgan Road, explained that he is against the Cannabis Cup and any legalization of marijuana and gave details of his personal experience with it.

Garney Mann, 2449 W. Farrand Road, stated he is opposed to the Cannabis Cup.

John Montague, 1404 W. Dodge Road, provided detail to the Board on the history of High Times and details on the Cannabis Cup. Montague expressed concerns over thousands of people coming to the community for the purpose of not medicating, but to get high and attend a trade show that teaches individuals how to grow pot. Montague stated Portland, Detroit and Amsterdam had all prevented or deterred the Cannabis Cup from going to their towns.

James Dickinson, 3117 W. Dodge Road, stated he objected to the Cannabis Cup coming to our community and explained his work in ministry at the Genesee County Jail has shown him that this event will cause crime, create problems and destroy lives.

Joseph Hoyt, 9425 Neff Road, stated he has seen signs throughout Clio Schools regarding character and their initiative to build character in youth and felt that this event deters character. Hoyt questioned why we would install video cameras to deter crime and promote crime on the other hand. Hoyt asked that it be considered when making the decision.

Larry Eaton, 13080 N. Linden Road, congratulated the Board for taking early action to put in rules and guidelines to stifle the problems in the Business District. Eaton questioned whether the Board declined the permit last year, Rizk replied that the Township did not issue a permit last year. Eaton stated that it shows that the organizers are a group of people that are not law abiding citizens. Eaton stated he realized the Board couldn't change Michigan Law but hoped they would take action to limit the growth in the Township.

Bobby Price, 6377 W. Lake Road, explained that he is an area minister and was made aware of this event through members of the congregation and other pastors all of who are opposed to it. Price questioned why non-refundable tickets are being sold



3. ATI Proposal, LED Lighting Project – Vienna Township. Moved by Cain, seconded by Bryan to go into agreement with ATI for replacing the parking lot lights with a total cost to us of \$4,566.65. Lemieux questioned why there was only one bid presented. Cain stated he presented the bids at the last meeting and asked for recommendations on alternatives for bids and never received anything from anyone. Cain stated he looked up information on the owners of ATI and they are members of the Township and they did a great a job at the fire hall. Lemieux questioned why they hadn't gone out for three bids, Cain replied for the same reason they didn't for computers because it was well within the money already budgeted to do the project and the bid before the Board was from a local company. Lemieux stated bids over the past year or so have been obtained for PC's, truck tires, sound systems, a new truck and lawn mowers. Bryan stated two lights at the Senior Center were replaced using CDBG funds at the cost of \$1400 and this price is fair and reasonable. Cain stated he is willing to get bids if that is the wish of the Board. Fuller questioned whether there is a policy on bidding, Bryan stated she had no knowledge of a policy but she has attempted to obtain them with high dollar items. Lemieux stated he was not opposed to the lighting, he was opposed to awarding the contract without competitive bids and he spoke with a local contractor who said they had not been contacted to bid. Cain stated that he had not contacted other contractors and asked for direction from the Board but did not get any. Thomas asked for the motion to be read, Falardeau read the motion.

ROLL CALL: Yeas – Belill, Rizk, Bryan, Cain

Nays – Fuller, Lemieux, Thomas

Motion carried

4. ZBA Board Appointment. Tabled by Rizk.
5. 911 Advisory Board. Rizk stated he was looking for a volunteer to serve on 911 Advisory Board and asked Bryan if she was willing. Bryan stated she would sit on the Board. Moved by Cain, seconded by Belill to appoint Cynthia J. Bryan to the 911 Advisory Board. All in favor

**Public Comment:**

Stella Dewarr, 1040 West Hollywood Boulevard, corrected Bryan on the closing of the Senior Center because of the gcard food service, food service is never available on the first two Fridays of the month. Dewarr expressed her concerns over ordinances being adopted without being read aloud in the meeting and stated the audience has a right to know what they are adopting. Dewarr questioned whether the Wilson Road bridge will be done by the start of school. Rizk stated he would know after a roads and bridges meeting tomorrow.

Bill Gardner, 9329 Neff Road, stated he has been out on Vienna Road over the past three days and experienced increased amount of traffic, which shows the

economic growth in the community. Gardner expressed concerns over what impact the event might have on potential investors deciding to open a business in Vienna Township and stated through his own journey with cancer he has never seen anyone benefitting from the treatment of marijuana.

**Board Comment:**

Belill stated she sits on the Planning Commission Board and hopes that the individuals in attendance tonight would attend next Monday. She stated she understands there are concerns on both sides and that things were not handled properly last year and hopes it can be remedied. Belill understood Gardners stance on medical marijuana use, but watched both of her parents die and would have done anything to help them. Belill apologized for the confusion at the last Planning Commission meeting.

Bryan stated she placed a draft copy of the personnel manual in the Board members boxes and asked that everyone look over the manual and get with her on any questions or concerns they may have so that it can be up for adoption on July 20, 2015. Bryan stated she felt something should be in place regarding a bidding policy and she would work on getting something in place.

Moved to adjourn at 6:11PM

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Cynthia J. Bryan  
Clerk

CERTIFICATION:  
STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF GENESEE

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Vienna, Genesee County, Michigan, held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015.

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Joseph A. Rizk  
Supervisor

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Cynthia J. Bryan  
Clerk