

Midland Charter Township
Regular Board Meeting
November 14, 2018
7:00pm
1030 S Poseyville Rd
Midland, MI 48640

Present: All members

Also Present: 3 guest

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting Minutes: October 10, 2018 with correction

Public Comment:

Was heard by board

Building report:

Building 330.00
Electrical 365.00

Fire Report:

32 runs
Swanson has turned in grant letters to various agencies for help with packs

Enforcement Report:

1 letter out
Heyse has talked to Lady concerning Solar Farm

Planning Commission:

No meeting in October, but one scheduled for December, concerning steel containers. (printing Larkin Ordinance for planning to look at.) Looking at amending accessory building

Financial Report:

Radosa motions to pay the bills, Northup supports
Yeas: Radosa, Northup, Armstrong-Miller, Avery, Leach, Clarey, Holt

Unfinished Business:

Get a quote for Rec plan from Rowe out of Mt Pleasant
Get price on plaque for Mel's bench
Solar Ordinance to be approved next month, posted on website.
Set Public Hearing next month 7:30pm Budget approval

New Business:

Resolution for Logging Trucks 396 Senate Bill:

MIDLAND TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION ON SENATE BILL 396

WHEREAS, Roads are the backbone of the social, cultural and economic stability of Midland County and our region, and particularly Midland Township which makes significant annual contributions to preservation, maintenance and other activities on the local road system; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill (SB) 396 (S-5) passed and reported out of the Senate Transportation Committee on September 6, 2018, allows exemptions from seasonal weight restrictions (also known as "frost laws") to the forest product industry during the spring thaw when roads are the most vulnerable to damage from heavy loads; and

WHEREAS, It is a fact in Midland Township and throughout all Northern states that all roads become soft in the spring as frost melts, and applying unrestricted 164,000-pound truck loading and traffic on soft roads, whether paved or unpaved, is poor public policy that defies common sense when it comes to road preservation, and will lead to significant damage to the road system, economic damage in Midland Township and increased risk to drivers in our region; and

WHEREAS, SB-396 also grants exemptions to the forest industry that will allow the hauling of forest products and transport of equipment on the public road system without obtaining proper permits from road authorities at all times of the year; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of SB 396 *will result in costly damage to the public road system which is the opposite of what the Michigan Legislature and the people of Michigan called for in the 2015 Michigan Transportation Package*; and

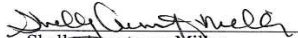
WHEREAS, the provisions of SB 396 *will negatively impact the traveling public* accessing the road system, burdening road authorities with expensive reactive maintenance repairs and significantly increased taxpayer costs, as well as increased county and township contributions to maintain the public road system; and

WHEREAS, the provisions in SB 396 and subsequent impacts to the local road system will negatively impact the health, safety and welfare of Midland Township residents and the traveling public; and

WHEREAS, the Midland Township works closely with the Midland County Road Commission to maintain our vital local road network and to accommodate the logging industry wherever possible to also maintain the economic vitality of our region;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Midland Township hereby **strongly opposes** SB 396 (S-5).

YEAS: 7
NAYS: 0


Shelly Armstrong-Miller

Resolution for Poseyville Rd

Midland Township Resolution
Poseyville Road Safety Improvements

WHEREAS, Midland County Road Commission will be submitting a request to MPO for funding for safety improvement construction on Poseyville Road from the City of Midland (City limits) to Gordonville Road;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Midland Township Board hereby supports the Midland County Road Commission in their request for funds for safety improvements on Poseyville Road in Midland Township.

YEAS: 7
NAYS: 0


Shelly Armstrong-Miller, Clerk

Date: November 14, 2018

Correspondence:

Annexation letter received from City about Kaminski

Other Business:

Public comment:

Was heard by board

Adjourned 9:05pm

Terry Holt, Supervisor _____

Shelly Armstrong-Miller, Clerk _____