

**Northfield Township Board Meeting
Notes of Regular Meeting
Public Safety Building; 8350 Main Street
March 12, 2013**

paperwork, and an officer has been instructed to stop at schools and talk to administrators and walk the hallways during school hours. At Otto's request Greene described the reporting procedure for monitoring sex offenders living in the Township. In answer to a question from Chick, Greene said officers to a good job of monitoring car speeds in the downtown area, and they provide a balance of tickets and warnings. In answer to a question from Dockett, Wagner said there were problems during the Pond Hockey event with alcohol leaving the beer tent and with people parking along Main Street. Dockett said this is still a nice activity for the Township.

Senior Center. Engstrom referred to the written report. Dockett said while he had previously stated that the cost to the general fund of operating the senior center was \$125,000, the Center also takes in funds, so the actual cost from the general fund was \$81,145 last year.

Zoning Board of Appeals

Otto reported that on February 25th the ZBA granted a variance to allow construction of a pole barn in front of the front line of the house on the site, and since this is a common request, Zoning Administrator Kurt Weiland will be bringing a proposed change to the zoning ordinance regarding this.

Planning Commission

Chick reported that on February 6th the Commission discussed reviewing fees in the future to insure they are fair, an Planner Doug Lewan gave a presentation on non-motorized paths and trails.

Treasurer

Braun reported that she had handed out the final tax settlement for this year and the Investment activity for February, and **she is making plans for the Township's investment broker and auditor make presentations to the Board in May**

BUSINESS ITEMS

A.

Michigan Association of Firefighters Contract

- ▶ **Motion:** Manning moved, Chick supported, that the contract between Northfield Township and the Michigan Association of Firefighters for the period beginning July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2015, be approved, and to authorize the Township Clerk and/or Supervisor to sign the contract.
Motion carried 7—0 on a voice vote.

1.

Adams Outdoor Advertising

Mitchell Gasche, Director of Real Estate for Adams Outdoor Advertising, referred to a resolution regarding the jurisdiction over the site containing Adams' signs.

- ▶ **Motion:** Manning moved, Braun supported, that the *Resolution of No Jurisdiction over Zoning at 8877 Main Street, Northfield Township, Michigan* be approved as presented. **Motion carried 7—0 on a voice vote.**
Resolution adopted.

9.

German Park Civic Event Permit

The President of German Park, John Mueller, referred to the civic event permit application for their 2013 events. In answer to a question from Dockett, Wagner said the police services contract has been agreed upon.

- ▶ **Motion:** Manning moved, Thomas supported, that the German Park Recreation Club Event Application with event dates of June 29, July 27, and August 31, 2013, be approved as presented.
Motion carried 7—0 on a voice vote.
- ▶ **Motion:** Manning moved, Otto supported, that the law enforcement services contract between Northfield Township and German Park be approved as presented.
Motion carried 7—0 on a voice vote.

2.

Restitution for 75 Barker Road Damage

Dockett referred to the records regarding restitution payments made by three young people who had agreed to pay for damages they caused to this Township property. He questioned whether the Township should make additional attempts to collect the remaining amounts. Wagner said Police Department staff have attempted to verify payments made where no specific information was recorded, but he questioned whether it is cost effective to continue to spend staff time on this. Check questioned whether a collection agency could be used. Wagner said fees for those services are about 40% of the amount collected. Otto said small claims suits are relatively inexpensive. Dockett noted that collection attempts would still be necessary.

Thomas said he does not want to think the "Paid in Full" notations on two of these three accounts was written falsely, and given the small amount remaining on the other account it does not seem wise to spend additional time on this. Dockett noted that on the remaining account it appears that payments have been made occasionally, and may continue to be made. Thomas recommended in the future that such offenders be prosecuted so restitution can be monitored by the court.