

**Proposed Minutes of
January 9, 2017**

The Ossineke Township Board met in regular session, at the Ossineke Twp. Hall. Supervisor Lobert called the meeting to order, at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Board Members present were: Supervisor Kenneth Lobert, Clerk Dennis Liske, Treasurer Denise Schultz, and Trustees Jerry Leschinger and Edie Abbott. Also present were: Randy Fairbanks, Kevin, Sandra, and Garth Grulke and Ewald Sommerfield.

1. The minutes of December 12, 2016 were approved as read.
2. The Treasurer reported balances on hand as of January 1, 2017 as follows: \$284,480.49 in the General Fund, \$1463.57 in the Liquor Fund: \$92,373.10 in the Fire Protection & Equipment Fund, and \$217,686.45 in Trust and Agency.
3. **CITIZENS:**
There was some discussion on the 2 miles of Wolf Creek road, between Nicholson Hill road and Scott road. Ewald Sommerfield wondered why the township board would not make it a top priority to have it paved. It was explained that the road is a primary road and that the possibility was there, if we have the funds, to help the County Road Commission pave the road.
4. **BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**
Supervisor Lobert informed the board that there are several appointments to be made for various boards. For the Board of Review, Schultz moved, Abbott supported, **CARRIED**, to appoint Randy Fairbanks, David Winemiller, and Kevin Grulke to the Board of Review, term to run from 1/1/2017 thru 12/31/2018. Abbott moved, Leschinger supported, **CARRIED**, to appoint Denise Schultz and Mike Single to the Planning Commission, term to run from 1/1/16 thru 12/31/2018 and Ewald Sommerfield and Lora Cramer to the Planning Commission, term to run from 1/1/2017 thru 12/31/2019. Abbott moved, Leschinger supported, **CARRIED**, to appoint Kevin Grulke to the Board of Appeals, term to run from 1/1/2016 thru 12/31/2018. Schultz moved, Abbott supported, **CARRIED**, to appoint Caroline Siegert as Liquor Inspector, term to run from 1/1/2017 thru 12/31/2018.
5. **ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:**
Randy Fairbanks, our Zoning Enforcement Officer, reported that he issued one zoning permit to Martin Behnke, for a 40' x 86' storage building, located at 7898 W. Hubert road.
6. **PLANNING COMMISSION:**
Treasurer Schultz informed the board that the Planning Commission will be meeting on January 25th, 2017 to work on a township sign ordinance.
7. **COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION:**
Supervisor Lobert informed the township board that the County Board of Commissioners has appointed Tom Spalding as a Commissioner to replace Daryl Spragg. Ken also reported that we will receive \$14,658.00 matching money, from the county, for road work.
8. **MTA 2017 CONFERENCE & EXPO:**
Communications were read for the MTA 2017 Conference & Expo, to be held in Lansing, on April 10th thru the 13th. Schultz moved, Abbott supported, **CARRIED**, to allow any township board member wishing to attend, to do so, with the Township paying all expenses which include: registration, housing, meals, mileage and per diem.
9. **MEETINGS:**
Supervisor Lobert informed the board that, on February 20, 2017 will be the next MTA Chapter meeting, at the Ossineke Township Hall; at 7:00 pm. Clerk Liske said he will pick up the refreshments, for the meeting. Supervisor Lobert also informed the board that his MATS membership fee of \$30.00 is due. Abbott moved, Schultz supported, **CARRIED**, to pay the MATS membership fee, for Ken.
10. **COUNTY EQUALIZATION ASSESSMENTS:**
Supervisor Lobert informed the board that he received the assessment ratios, from the Equalization Department. The ratios are as follows: 101-Agriculture-50.29%; 201-Commercial-48.62%; 301-Industrial-51.72%; and 401 Residential-48.37%.
11. **HALL:**
Nothing.
12. **COUNTY CLEANUP:**
Nothing.
13. **BILLS:**
Abbott moved, Schultz supported, **CARRIED**, to pay all bills presented in invoices 10305 thru 10329.
14. **ADJOURNMENT:**
Abbott moved, Schultz supported, **CARRIED**, to adjourn at 8:05 pm.