

CALL TO ORDER: 7:02 p.m. by Supervisor Paterek

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paterek, Lobeck, Ruthenberg, Swiacki and Smith  
MEMBERS ABSENT: None

**MINUTES:** Ruthenberg moved, Smith seconded to approve the regular meeting minutes of November 9, 2011 regular meeting minutes as presented.

**Motion CARRIED**

Lobeck moved, Swiacki seconded to approve December 1, 2011 special meeting minutes as presented.

**Motion CARRIED**

**SET/AMEND AGENDA:** Swiacki moved, Lobeck seconded to amend agenda as follows: Under New Business: Move J. DTE Substation –Consumers Energy property – Special Land Use approval to A. Move A. 2012 meeting dates to J.

**Motion CARRIED**

**CURRENT BILLS:** Swiacki moved Ruthenberg seconded, to approve the previously paid bills of \$33,471.56 – township check #21658 thru #21719, fire check #11418 thru #11463, the payroll checks of \$41,847.04 – check #9668 thru #9747 and the current list of bills of \$4,546.86, township check #21720 thru #21728 and fire check #11464 thru #11469 for a total of \$79,865.46 as presented.

**Ayes:** Paterek, Ruthenberg, Swiacki, Lobeck

**Motion CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS:** Heard from the floor: C. Finlay, A. Patchak.

**CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION:**

- A. Vintage Tech Recyclers, Inc.: Paterek announced that Armada Board & Bide will be conducting an electronics recycling event on January 15 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Armada Fire Department. They will be collecting unusable computers, monitors, cell phones, and other outdated electronics.

**REPORTS:**

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| ◦ Fire Department            | Steve Jerzewski |
| ◦ Code Enforcer              | John Paterek    |
| ◦ Planning Commission        | Mary Swiacki    |
| ◦ Building Department        | Christine White |
| ◦ Macomb Agricultural P.D.R. | DJ Kehrig       |
| ◦ Parks & Recreation         | No report       |
| ◦ Treasurer Report           | Peg Smith       |
| ◦ Water Main Update          | John Paterek    |

Swiacki moved, Lobeck seconded to accept and file reports as presented.

**Motion CARRIED**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**BALLOT PROPOSAL:** Smith moved Swiacki seconded to have ballot wording on the November 2012 general election for proposal to contract with the Macomb County Sheriff's Department; at a future date closer to election attorney shall be contacted for verbage. **Motion CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**DTE SUBSTATION – Consumers Energy property – Special land use approval:** Swiacki moved, Paterek seconded to approve Consumer's Energy DTE Substation special land use due to the fact that the Zoning Board of Appeals has granted the set back variance as required by ordinance and the site plan has been recommended by the Planning Commission to the township board for approval. **Motion CARRIED**

**SET FIRE AND GENERAL BUDGET MEETING DATES:**

Swiacki moved, Paterek seconded to set the following dates for fire and general budget meetings:

Wednesday, January 18 – 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, January 25- 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 15- 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

If needed: Wednesday, February 22, - 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Motion CARRIED**

**MISD SUMMER TAX COLLECTION:**

Smith moved, Swiacki seconded to accept the resolution from MISD for our agreement to allow them to collect summer taxes. **Motion CARRIED**

**MACOMB AGRICULTURAL P.D.R. COMMITTEE: - \$250 contribution for 2011:** Swiacki moved, Paterek seconded to approve \$250 annual contribution to Macomb Agricultural P.D.R. Committee for 2011.

**Ayes:** Smith, Paterek, Lobeck, Ruthenberg, Swiacki

**Motion CARRIED**

**BOARD OF REVIEW RE-APPOINTMENTS:** Swiacki stated that Harry Awdey cannot be re-appointed as it is a conflict of interest per the MTA attorney due to the fact that he is an elected official for the Village of Armada.

Swiacki moved Paterek seconded to appoint Sharon Lobeck as an alternate for two year term: January 1, 2012 to January 1, 2014 at noon. **Abstain:** Lobeck

**Motion CARRIED**

Swiacki moved Paterek seconded to re-appoint Keith Wood for two year term: January 1, 2012 to January 1, 2014 at noon.

**Motion CARRIED**

Swiacki moved Lobeck seconded to re-appoint Dale Smith for two year term: March 1, 2012 to March 1, 2014 at noon.

**Motion CARRIED**

Swiacki stated that an ad will need to be placed so that we will have three members and one alternate as required.

**GRANT INFORMATION:** Swiacki stated that through Kevin Kanehl's grant writing efforts the Armada Township Fire Department will be receiving a grant from the Federal government in the amount of \$55,000 for new turn out gear, the Armada Fire department has to match that at 5% which is \$2,750. It is expected that they will present the check next week. To date Kevin has received for the fire department approximately \$90,000 in grants: This includes: turn out gear, computer, foam grant and Hurst tools.

Paterek read a letter dated November 22, 2011 from ITC Transmissions that he received by e-mail. A \$5,000 grant will be presented to the township; funds may be used for plantings in common spaces, neighborhood parks, stump grinding and/or compatible species plantings in residential areas.

**OPTIONS FOR FUTURE TOWNSHIP HALL:** Paterek and Smith gave an overview on discussions regarding options for a township hall at the Knights of Columbus, building on Armada Ridge Rd., renovating the current hall or adding to the Senior Center.

**FARMLAND RENTAL:** Swiacki moved, Paterek seconded to allow Ron Gaier Farms LLC to continue renting farmland for the period January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012 at \$50/acre – 15.93 acres due to a clerical error in the minutes from November 12, 2008 regular board meeting and the fact that Mr. Gaier has planted a winter crop which cannot be harvested until June 2012. Any bids received will be unopened and returned to bidder with an explanation.  
**Abstain:** Lobeck **Motion CARRIED**

**FIRE DEPT: Budget amendment:** Swiacki moved, Ruthenberg seconded to approve fire budget amendments as presented:  
Line Item #336-999 – Truck replacement move \$3,500 to line item #336-733 fuel.  
**Ayes:** Smith, Lobeck, Ruthenberg, Swiacki, Paterek **Motion CARRIED**

**2012 MEETING DATES:** Ruthenberg moved, Paterek seconded to approve open meeting resolution for 2012 as presented and to post accordingly. **Motion CARRIED**

**INVOICE FROM PATEREK MOLD INC:** Swiacki moved, Ruthenberg seconded to pay \$429 the original invoice amount to Paterek Mold for repairs made to the township hall and fire department, provided policies and procedures are followed in the future so that this situation does not occur again.  
**Ayes:** Smith, Lobeck, Ruthenberg, Swiacki **Abstain:** Paterek **Motion CARRIED**

The board discussed hiring a handyman for the township as an employee that would work by the hour as needed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Heard from the floor: S. Lobeck, A. Patchak, D. Eison, M. Job, and M. Poulos.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Paterek moved, Ruthenberg seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. **Motion CARRIED**

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Mary K. Swiacki  
Armada Township Clerk

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John Paterek  
Supervisor