

Secord Township Monthly Meeting

October 18, 2023

10:00 am

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Joel Vernier at 10:00 am with everyone standing reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Supervisor Joel Vernier Present
Treasurer Cheryl Parmer Present
Clerk Karen Gawron Present
Trustee Maria Alward Present
Trustee Martin Holmes Present
16 registered interested residents in attendance

Minutes of September 20, 2023 10:00 am regular meeting minutes were reviewed.

Motion to accept minutes Holmes/ Parmer All ayes M/C

Consent Agenda/Changes to Agenda: None

Guest:

Mike Visnew/County Commissioner
Rose Pest/ Ashley
Chuck Frisbie/Superintendent Gladwin Community Schools
Sheriff Mike Shea

Public Comment: Zero (0) Residents Commented

Treasurer's Report:

General Fund	\$667,274.04
12 Mo. CD #S50	52,691.24
12 Mo. CD #S51	52,437.80
Fire Fund	180,714.95
Garbage Fund	199.083.22
Weed Control Fund	685.990.33
Mosquito Fund	72,560.37
Road Fund	<u>426,192.57</u>
Total Funds	\$2,231,815.48

Motion to Receive and File Treasurers Report. Gawron/Alward All Ayes M/C

Bills To Be Paid: Clerk Karen Gawron presented Bills: General Fund \$43,929.76 Fire \$12,146.99 Payroll \$ 12,144.29

Motion by to pay the bills as presented Alward /Holmes All Ayes M/C

Correspondence Received: Constable Report, Fire & Planning board meeting minutes for September 2023, PLM; statement of weed [first Hydrilla infestation in Michigan] from the South, Shred-it scheduled for the middle of November.

Reports

Planning Commission: P. Sawka Reported on October Meeting. Township Board approved to resend certified letter to 1020 N. M-30 if necessary. Next meeting November 8 10:00 am

Fire Board: M. Holmes reported 15 runs; 13 Medical, 2 Fire. Trees are growing in the Tower. Next Meeting November 6, 2023 10:00 am.

Motion: Hire Oakridge Tree service to remove trees from the tower at a cost of \$1,800.00 - \$2,000.00 and be applied to the Secord Township [Budget].

Fire Chief: Chief Fred Shavers reported Training continues.

Constable: Absent/Excused All is well

Road Committee: Ken Douglas reported projects completed. Focused on 2024 projects.

Zoning Administrator: Harold Day Jr. reported 10 permit (s)

Ordinance Officer: Zero new complaints. Working on those In Progress [Lakeshore property]

Well and Septic: M. Alward 2 evaluations reported/ passed Inspections.

Other Business:

Apex license/cost sharing software [\$300.00] **Tabled** to November Township board meeting.

ISP Tower

Motion: To raise Tower fifty (50) feet, with the quote from ISP, at a cost of \$1567.78

Motion: To use ARPA Funds to Pay for the fifty (50) foot Tower.

Election - November 7, 2023

Resolution 2023-10-18-5 Establish a Receiving Board for Elections

WHEREAS, the township clerk is responsible for conducting elections in Secord Township; and

WHEREAS, MCL 168.679(a) provides the Election Commission of a city, township, or village shall, by resolution, provide that an election at which the ballots are counted and certified at the precinct, 1 or more additional boards of election inspectors be appointed to serve as Receiving Boards; and

Whereas, the Secord Township Receiving Board is responsible for the duties as outlined in Section 168.676(a) of the Michigan Election Law (Article 116 if 1954); and

Whereas, the board of election commissioners shall appoint two or more election inspectors, with an equal number from each major party to the Receiving Board prior to each election;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

The Election Commission authorizes the establishment of a Receiving Board and the

Appointment of two or more election inspectors, with an equal number from each major political party, for all future elections beginning November 7, 2023.

Motion to approve Resolution 2023-10-18-5 Establish a Receiving Board for Elections

Roll Call:

Supervisor Joel Vernier

Clerk Karen Gawron

Treasure Cheryl Parmer

Trustee Maria Alward

Trustee Martin Holmes

All Ayes M/C

Motion: To approve Election Inspectors at the rate of \$12.00 per hour for the November 7, 2023 Election. Gawron/Vernier All Ayes M/C

Assessor/Kayla Marchington: **Tabled** to November Secord Township Board Meeting

Special Assessments & Millages 2023-Operating, Fire, Roads, Mosquito, Garbage

Resolution(s)-Tax Levies:

Resolution 2023-10-18-1 Operating

Motion to approve **Resolution** 2023-10-18-1 Operating

Whereas, The Board of Secord Township recognizes the need to establish for General Operating Tax Millage rates to be levied December 1, 2023, the Township Board resolves that the following rates be assessed at the Secord Township Board Meeting October 18, 2023.

Therefore, be it resolved the following Millage will be set:

General Operation 0.5974

Motion by Gawron Second by Parmer

Roll Call:

Supervisor Joel Vernier

Clerk Karen Gawron

Treasure Cheryl Parmer

Trustee Maria Alward

Trustee Martin Holmes

All Ayes M/C

Resolution 2023-10-18-2 Fire

Motion to approve **Resolution** 2023-10-18-2 Fire

Whereas, The Board of Secord Township recognizes the need to establish for Fire Tax Millage rates to be levied December 1, 2023, the Township Board resolves that the following rates be assessed at the Secord Township Board Meeting October 18, 2023.

Therefore, be it resolved the following Millage will be set:

Fire 1.2276

Motion by Gawron Second by Alward

Roll Call:

Supervisor Joel Vernier

Clerk Karen Gawron

Treasure Cheryl Parmer

Trustee Maria Alward

Trustee Martin Holmes

All Ayes M/C

Resolution 2023-10-18-3 Road

Motion to approve **Resolution** 2023-10-18-3 Road

Whereas, The Board of Secord Township recognizes the need to establish for Road Tax Millage rates to be levied December 1, 2023, the Township Board resolves that the following rates be assessed at the Secord Township Board Meeting October 18, 2023.

Therefore, be it resolved the following Millage will be set:

Road .500

Motion by Gawron Second by Parmer

Roll Call:

Supervisor Joel Vernier

Clerk Karen Gawron

Treasure Cheryl Parmer

Trustee Maria Alward

Trustee Martin Holmes

All Ayes M/C

Resolution 2023-10-18-4 Mosquito

Whereas, The Board of Secord Township recognizes the need to establish for Mosquito Tax Millage rates to be levied December 1, 2023, the Township Board resolves that the following rates be assessed at the Secord Township Board Meeting October 18, 2023.

Therefore, be it resolved the following Millage will be set:

Mosquito 0.4456

Motion by Gawron Second by Alward

Motion to approve **Resolution** 2023-10-18-4 Mosquito

Roll Call:

Supervisor Joel Vernier

Clerk Karen Gawron

Treasure Cheryl Parmer

Trustee Maria Alward

Trustee Martin Holmes

All Ayes M/C

Resolution 2023-10-18-7 Garbage Assessment

Whereas, The Board of Secord Township recognizes the need to establish for rates Garbage Assessment to be levied December 1, 2023, the Township Board resolves that the following rates be assessed at the Secord Township Board Meeting October 18, 2023.

Therefore, be it resolved the following Assessment will be set:

Garbage Assessment from 174.5 to 191.08

Motion by Gawron Second by Alward

Motion to approve Resolution 2023-10-18-7 Garbage Assessment

Roll Call:

Supervisor Joel Vernier

Clerk Karen Gawron

Treasure Cheryl Parmer

Trustee Maria Alward

Trustee Martin Holmes

All Ayes M/C

Snow Removal Contract

Motion to approve Snow Removal Contract: \$599.00 Yearly; Payable four (4) equal payments of \$149.75 in January, February, March and April 2024 to Fred Shaver.

Vernier/Holmes All Ayes M/C

Resolution 2023-10-18-6 Alternative Energy Facilities

Opposition to legislation to preempt local control for the siting and permitting of utility-scale renewable facilities under solar wind alternative energy facilities and large-scale battery storage facilities

WHEREAS, Executive Directive ED 2020-10 proposals to achieve 100% carbon neutrality in the state by 2050; and

WHEREAS, To meet energy goals and to expand renewable energy projects in Michigan, Governor Whitmer has proposed the Michigan Public Service Commission to be the sole authority for the siting and permitting of utility-scale renewable projects, allowing these projects to be expedited; and

WHEREAS, By transferring this sole authority to the Michigan Public Service Commission, local authority will be preempted; and

WHEREAS, A township would be unable to determine the number, location, size, set back requirements, site plan approval, fire protection and emergency plan, volume levels, construction traffic routes, decommissioning plan or any other criteria for such solar, wind, alternative energy facilities or large scale battery facilities; and

WHEREAS, A Township ordinance, rule, policy or requirement currently in place for solar, wind, alternative energy facilities and large-scale solar facilities would be null and void; and

WHEREAS, All energy all other energy facilities regulated by Michigan Public Service Commission must adhere to local zoning requirements; and

WHEREAS, The Michigan Township Association opposes legislation that eliminates local government authority on the siting and permitting of said facilities that will be located in those communities for 20-50 years;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

That Secord Township opposes legislation that would preempt local control in the siting and permitting of large-scale renewable energy facilities including solar, wind, alternative energy facilities and large-scale battery storage facilities.

Motion to approve **Resolution** 2023-10-18-6 Alternative Energy Facilities

Motion by Gawron Second by Parmer

Roll Call:

Supervisor Joel Vernier

Clerk Karen Gawron

Treasurer Cheryl Parmer

Trustee Maria Alward

Trustee Martin Holmes

All Ayes M/C

Public Comment: One (1) resident commented

Motion to Adjourn by Alward /Holmes @11:45 am All Ayes M/C

Next Meeting November 15, 2023 @ 10:00 am

Karen Gawron

Clerk

Minutes prepared by P. Sawka Deputy Clerk