

TEKONSHA TOWNSHIP
166 Spires Parkway
Tekonsha MI 49092

Board of Trustee Minutes for December 14, 2023

Supervisor Overley called the meeting to order at 7 pm

The Pledge of Allegiance was delivered.

Quorum was determined with the following members present: Phillips, Moore, Thomas, Overley, Stemaly.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Moore, second by Phillips to approve the agenda as written. Carried.

Minutes: Motion by Moore, second by Phillips to accept the November 16th special meeting minutes as presented. All ayes. **Motion** by Phillips, second by Moore to accept the November 9th regular meeting minutes as presented. All ayes

Citizens Comments: None

Assessor's Report: December Board of Review had only 1 item to address. Building permits done this month,

Supervisor's Report: Supervisor discussed the Rules of Open Meetings Act, then introduced the Township Board Rules of Order for meetings. Individuals will have the opportunity to comment at the beginning and at the end of the meetings. All comments will be addressed to the Supervisor. Those addressing the board will be limited to 3 minutes. The board may allow more or provide time to answer board's questions. Dialog between individuals, and comments or opinions during the meeting will not be allowed. Citizens abusing the rule of order will be asked to leave.

At the recent meeting attended by Supervisor Overley, Butler Township gave very high praise for the job the fire department and especially Chief Cummins was doing in their township. We are currently covering medical runs in Butler Township and have a contract for about 1/3 of their area.

The AAHA Club requested a resolution for the Township's approval for their Charitable Gaming License.

Motion by Overley with support from Moore to adopt the resolution.

Roll Call produced the following results:

AYES: Overley, Stemaly, Moore, Thomas, Phillips

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

Resolution adopted.

Discussion regarding the use of the 21-22 Parks millage left to spend by 12/31/23. Still working out details for the Volunteer Firemen's Park. Will need their 501(C)3 for joint ownership that will allow the township to provide funds to the park. **Motion** by Moore support from Phillips to assist the Village with their park project. Carried

Clerk's Report: Request by Stemaly to have all building reservations go thru the office to reduce duplication and confusion. Refused by Chief Cummins that firefighters will go thru his office. No opinions from other board members. Request denied by default.

Bills:

Motion by Overley, second by Moore to approve signatures on all General Fund bills presented, in the amount of \$ 24,087.39. Carried.

Motion by Overley, second by Thomas to approve signatures on all Fire Fund bills presented, in the amount of \$ 10,633.09. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Accepted as presented. Phillips requested that access/control of the thermostat be given to the office, since it controls the Township office area. Chief Cumins once again agreed to turn control over to the office.

Phillips advised the board that ½ of the current CD at Flagstaff was being split to deposit ½ in a CD with Consumers Credit Union at a higher rate.

Phillips requested that when she forwards a phone call message asking for a call back, the individual respond in a timely manner to prevent the office getting repeat calls from frustrated constituents. All claimed that they already return calls when the message is received and several directed her on how to forward their messages.

Phillips brought into question administrative fees collected for fire runs to offset payment processing and work done for funded departments. Chief Cummins was resistant to changing the fire call admin fees, stating that the current procedure has been in effect for years and seems to be working well in his opinion, He also felt that changing the fee structure would result in lower fees than with the current method. The question was tabled until the next month's meeting.

Fire Department Report: The department responded to 33 calls last month, 9 in the village, 11 in Tekonsha Township, 5 in Clarendon Township, and 8 in Butler. This year to date the department has responded to a total of 309 calls.

The Township received the Michigan Fire Equipment Grant for \$ 27,000.00. It is a restricted grant that only allows for the purchase of equipment, which will save the department in operating costs in the future.

The Department and the Township Officers participated in the Christmas Parade. Many positive comments were made regarding the outcome of the evening thanks to the Tekonsha Events Committee.

Trustee Thomas express her distain for not being invited to participate in the parade with the rest of the Board.

Old Business: Stemaly reported that she emailed an invitation to ITC to hold a public forum for our township residents on Nov 14. She finally got message to contact them by phone on 5th. She will follow up and attempt to schedule them again.

New Business: None

Citizen's Comments: Dennis Napier requested records of all checks paid out and what the check was written for, from both the General Fund and the Fire Fund for the past 3 months.

Adjournment: **Motion** by Thomas, support from Stemaly to adjourn. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.