

## 2024 Regular March Board Meeting Secretary's Report March 7, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

## **MARCH 2024 REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

Chairman Paul Ledebuhr called the MARCH 7, 2024, MONEY CREEK TOWN BOARD MEETING to order at 6:00pm. Other board members present included Supervisors Wayne Meyer and Randy Hongerholt, Clerk Adam Florin, and Treasurer Terrie DeBoer. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Chairman **Ledebuhr** called for the reading of the Secretary's Report, which Clerk **Florin** read aloud. Supervisor **Hongerholt** motioned to approve the Secretary's Report as read. This motion was seconded by Supervisor **Meyer**. Chairman **Ledebuhr** called for a vote which was unanimous in favor of approval.

Chairman Ledebuhr called for the reading of the Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Deboer reported the following balances ending February 29, 2024:

Fund Number	Fund	Amount
100	General Fund	\$394,682.91
201	Road & Bridge Fund	\$130,443.19
210	Fire Fund	\$6,900.88
220	Ambulance Fund	\$33,833.83
230	Solid Waste Fund	\$10,965.47
240	Street Light Fund	\$1,321.73
250	Equipment Fund	\$273,655.96
260	CARES Act Fund	\$464.35
270	ARPA Fund	\$10,477.50
404	Park Acquisition & Development Fund	\$1,549.80
Grand Total		\$864,295.62

Supervisor **Meyer** motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report as read by Treasurer **Deboer**. This motion was seconded by Supervisor **Hongerholt**. Chairman **Ledebuhr** called for a vote which was unanimous in favor of approval.

Supervisor **Meyer** motioned to pay the bills. This motion was seconded by Supervisor **Hongerholt**. Chairman **Ledebuhr** called for a vote which was unanimous in favor of approval.

Doug Rank and Corey Benson provided the road and bridge update. They both agreed that it was a beautiful month.

Corey Benson provided his Mowing and Gravel Reclamation quote for the 2024 season. His quote was \$110 per hour for roadside mowing and gravel reclamation, which represents a 14% increase over last season. Corey explained the reason for the increases due to business insurance and inflation. Supervisor **Meyer** motioned to approve the quote for the 2024 season. Motion seconded by Supervisor **Hongerholt**. Chairman **Ledebuhr** called for a vote which was unanimous in favor of approval.

Supervisor **Hongerholt** raised the question of the township-owned disc that Corey uses to reclaim gravel along township roads. Supervisors and Corey discussed maintenance issues related to the disc, including the pros and cons of different types of blades. Supervisor **Hongerholt** expressed his concern that we get this thing in better working order. Supervisor Hongerholt commented that Houston Township was interested in using this disc for their roads; he raised the question as to whether the board should charge Houston Township a rental fee for using Money Creek Township equipment.

Supervisor Ledebuhr posed the question when we should begin reclaiming gravel. Meyer commented that he feels we should wait until April, it is probably too early. The supervisors generally agreed to give it a try in the next couple of weeks as a test.

The supervisors discussed how to publish requests for quotes for gravel. Supervisor **Hongerholt** motioned to publish the following:

"The Money Creek Town Board is currently accepting quotes for 6,000 tons of Class 2 aggregate, more or less, to be delivered and spread. Quotes for winter rock will also be accepted however these should be quoted separately. Money Creek Township residents wishing to purchase rock should contact one of the town board supervisors. Quotes and certificates of insurance must be sent to the Money Creek Town Clerk, 18035 County 26, Houston, MN 55943 no later than April 4, 2024 by 6:00PM to be considered. The Money Creek Town Board reserves the right to reject any and all quotes."

This motion was seconded by Supervisor **Meyer**. Chairman **Ledebuhr** called for a vote which was unanimous in favor of approval.

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The supervisors discussed how to publish requests for quotes for mowing the town hall lawn. Supervisor Hongerholt motioned to publish the following:

"The Money Creek Town Board is currently accepting quotes for mowing and trimming the town hall lawn for the 2024 season. Quotes must include a valid certificate of insurance and be received no later than April 4, 2024 in order to be considered. Quotes should be made on a permowing basis and can be mailed to the following address: Money Creek Township Clerk, 18035 County 26, Houston, MN 55943. The town board reserves the right to reject any and all quotes."

This motion was seconded by Supervisor Meyer. Chairman Ledebuhr called for a vote which was unanimous in favor of approval.

The supervisors reviewed building permit #2024-Z-223364 for Kenny Johnston to add on to existing building. Supervisor **Meyer** motioned to approve the permit application. Motion was seconded by Supervisor **Hongerholt**. Chairman **Ledebuhr** called for a vote which was unanimous in favor of approval.

Supervisor **Meyer** motioned to approve the election judge schedule. Motion was seconded by Supervisor **Hongerholt**. Chairman **Ledebuhr** called for a vote which was unanimous in favor of approval.

Chairman **Ledebuhr** looked into whether the township could tax the liquor license for Money Creek Haven. In general, Paul explained that he found out that the township wouldn't be responsible if anything happened as a result of the liquor license being issued. The board also discussed that the board has veto power to prevent a liquor license from being issued. The clerk will add this to the annual meeting agenda.

Chairman **Ledebuhr** updated the board on the status of the truck – the build process should start soon, will be prepped in Rochester for 2-3 weeks. They were going to have the bill sent to the board by April 4, in time for the April meeting.

Chairman **Ledebuhr** explained that the sprayer has arrived at Hammell Equipment – Hongerholt explained that we should take the truck up there to have them help mount the equipment into the truck. Supervisors discussed additional details about configuring the sprayer. Randy also commented that we will need a ladder off the tailgate along with a grab handle.

The board discussed options with bringing the last ¼ mile of Clinton Road up to code, as the town board has stopped maintaining this section of road past the old schoolhouse.

Supervisor **Hongerholt** asked for a final number of votes at the PNP election – the clerk responded that we had 62 votes at this year's election, or about 15% of registered voters.

Supervisor **Hongerholt** motioned to adjourn the March 2024 town board meeting. This motion was seconded by Supervisor **Meyer**. Chairman **Ledebuhr** called for a vote which was unanimous in favor of approval, and the meeting adjourned at 7:35PM.

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