## 2024 October Town Board Meeting Secretary's Report October 3, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

## **OCTOBER 2024 REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

Chairman **Ledebuhr** called the October 3, 2024 Money Creek Town Board Meeting to order at 6:15PM. Other board members present included Supervisor **Feine**, Treasurer **Deboer**, and Clerk **Florin**. Supervisor **Hongerholt** was unable to attend. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Chairman **Ledebuhr** called for the reading of the Secretary's Report, which the Clerk read aloud. Supervisor **Feine** motioned to approve the Secretary's Report as read. This motion was by Supervisor **Ledebuhr**. 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 aloud the following balances ending September 30, 2024:

Fund Number	Fund	Amount
100	General Fund	\$373,892.72
201	Road & Bridge Fund	\$160,342.09
210	Fire Fund	\$13,978.22
220	Ambulance Fund	\$33,601.18
230	Solid Waste Fund	\$11,826.70
240	Street Light Fund	\$1,231.74
250	Equipment Fund	\$60,720.15
270	ARPA Fund	\$10,477.50
280	Sealcoating Fund	\$10,000.00
404	Park Acquisition & Development Fund	\$2,390.89
Grand Total		\$678,461.19

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

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

Corey Benson provided the road report – he explained that every time we did get some rain, erosion was an issue, however he was able to keep up pretty well in resolving the issues. Discussion took place on erosion control around the roads. River Drive hill has been getting hit pretty hard, along with Christianson Hill Road. Corey Benson questioned what the board wanted to do about mowing the remainder of the season. Supervisor **Feine** motioned to have Corey mow one more time this season. This motion was seconded by Chairman **Ledebuhr**. Chairman **Ledebuhr** called for a vote which was unanimous in favor of approval.

The board discussed the issue with trees in the right of way within the village; Rich Torgeson mentioned that he would like a dead tree out front removed as it was within the township ROW. Chairman **Ledebuhr** explained that he measured it and it is just within the township ROW, and he added that several trees need in the village need this done, so we might as well do them all at once. Chairman **Ledebuhr** mentioned that he will contact a few tree removal services and get some quotes on this work within the village.

Laura Omodt reached out to Chairman **Ledebuhr** about Omodt Road. There is a section of this road that dead-ends, and this section has never been maintained even though it is technically a township road. Laura is requesting that the township begin maintaining this section of road, which has never been done in recent years. The board discussed another option – vacating or abandoning the road; however, this would landlock access to one of the fields near the southern end of Omodt Road. Chairman **Ledebuhr** explained that we would also need to build a turnaround at the end of this road, and shaping it up would be very expensive. Chairman **Ledebuhr** will call and get some estimates to see what it would cost to get this road shaped up. Supervisor **Feine** asked the clerk to add this topic to the New Business for the November town board meeting.

Chairman **Ledebuhr** stated that he called Mike Torgerson from Bruening Rock Products to request ice rock for the shed, however Paul thinks he might be on vacation.

The board discussed purchasing a small section of pallet racking in which to store the new sprayer, since it will have to be stored in the rock shed most likely. Supervisor **Feine** made a motion to approve purchasing pallet racking for the sprayer. This motion was seconded by Chairman **Ledebuhr**. Chairman **Ledebuhr** called for a vote which was unanimous in favor of approval.

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Chairman **Ledebuhr** switched to the topic of selling the old plow truck. He contacted the online auction sites. There are no sellers fees if we sell it from our own location. If we use a 3<sup>rd</sup> party, there is a \$75 inspection fee, as they would have to do a safety inspection. We could put a reserve on it, but there would be a fee for that if it didn't hit the reserve. Chairman **Ledebuhr** explained that he will talk to Supervisor **Hongerholt** to see if we need a special meeting to finalize this discussion so that all 3 supervisors could discuss and vote on this issue.

Chairman **Ledebuhr** attended the HCTOA Banquet. There were a few speakers, including County Commissioner Eric Johnson, who explained that the county budget for next year is \$2 million higher than last year.

Chairman **Ledebuhr** received a phone call from a resident from Dump Hill road asking to change the name of Dump Hill Road. Chairman **Ledebuhr** explained that it would require approval by a 60% vote of the residents on that road. The board opted to take no action on this issue at this time.

Darrin Brand asked Chairman **Ledebuhr** if the township could move the Yield sign on Breezy Drive / Gates Coulee drive. Chairman **Ledebuhr** is going to talk to the sign guy Adam Heberlien, and see what options we might have to do this.

Clerk **Florin** asked if the board would like to create a policy for renting the town hall tables and chairs. This is becoming more common, he explained, so the board should consider implementing an official policy for requests like this in the future.

The board reviewed the election judge schedule for the upcoming November 5 General Election. All election judges present at the meeting approved of the schedule.

With no additional business to conduct, Supervisor **Feine** motioned to adjourn the October 2024 Money Creek Town Board Meeting. This motion was seconded by Chairman **Ledebuhr**. Chairman **Ledebuhr** called for a vote which was unanimous in favor of adjournment, and the meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

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