

TEKONSHA TOWNSHIP
166 Spires Parkway
Tekonsha MI 49092

Board of Trustee Minutes for August 24, 2023

Supervisor Overley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was delivered.

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

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Stemaly to approve the agenda as presented, Support by Phillips. Carried

Minutes: Motion by Phillips, to approve the July 13, 2023 meeting minutes as presented second by Stemaly. All ayes

Citizens Comments: Cummins suggested that the Township and the Village work together to update the Master Plan and promote housing development in the community to increase or school population and the tax base to better support the community and lesson the burden on tax payers.

Assessor's Report: The assessor had 2 appeals with the tax tribunal. Presented the L-4029 for the December 2023 tax roll with the following millage rates: Township .8867, Fire .9974, Library .9545, Improvement Bond .7862.

Motion to adopt the L-4029 by Overley with support from Phillips. Roll Call Vote were as follows:

Ayes: Stemaly, Philips, Thomas, Overley

Nayes: None

Absent: Moore

Motion Carried

Supervisor's Report: County is requesting that Townships that want to opt out of the County Wide Transportation Authority resend the "opt out" resolution.

Motion by Overly with support from Stemaly to opt out. Roll Call Vote were as follows:

Ayes: Stemaly, Thomas, Philips, Overley

Nayes: None

Absent: Moore

Motion Carried

Revised cost for new Server discussed and accepted by consensus, Discussion of use of 1st years allocation of the Parks Millage, the development of the Volunteer Firemen's Park, and the development of a fire district. Helix has sent a request to meet with their representative to discuss a public meeting regarding their construction of a new transmission line to transverse the Township. The issue of sidewalks at the back of the building was revisited. With a deadline to be completed by Aug 2024 for the Presidential Primary Election.

Clerk's Report: The quarterly budget comparisons were presented for the General and Fire Fund. The quarterly Fire run report was presented with the amounts to be transferred. Future costs to the election budget will be considerable due to the required 9 days of early voting for state and federal elections. Event

license for alcohol and insurance requirements for the upcoming Family Fest to be held on Township property were brought up.

Bills:

Motion by Phillips, second by Overley to approve signatures on all General Fund bills presented, in the amount of \$\$ 66,891.54. Carried

Motion by Thomas, seconded by Phillips to approve signatures on all Fire Department Fund Bill presented, in the amount of \$ 32,940.25. Carried

Treasurer's Report: Accepted as presented.

Fire Department Report: The department has provided 50 runs this month: 13 in the Township, 14 in the Village, 15 in Clarendon Township, 5 in Butler Township, 2 in Girard Township and 1 mutual aid call. The year-to-date total is now at 202 runs since January 1st. Support for the current fire incident reporting software for is expiring and the company is going out of business. The County has decided on a new software and has negotiated a reduced price for Townships. Initial cost will be \$ 5063.00 with an annual contract cost of \$ 3750 thereafter. Motion by Phillips with support to go with the Chief's recommendation to use the same software as the County. Carried. Recommendation by the Chief to release a firefighter from service was received. Motion by Overly with support from Thomas to send a letter thanking them for their service. Carried New hand tools for the trucks have been ordered. An oversight has been made in paying the firefighters training wages. The increase in the Michigan hourly wage was not changed in the computer and the pay has been short. Motion by Phillips to correct the computer and pay the firefighters the differences of the prevailing wage. Support by Overley. Carried. The Chief was invited to meet with the county Engineer regarding the bridge over the St Joe River. The drawings show 2 12-foot traffic lanes with 8-foot pedestrian lanes on either side. The "Events" Committee have put together an event for the Saturday evening during the garage sales. A band will provide music, there will be a beer tent, and food from 6:30 to 11:00 pm. The committee has named the event "Family Fest". Reminder of the free flu clinic at the station during the garage sales and of the Oct 12th Senior Health Fair from 10am to 2pm at the fire station.

Old Business: Fire Chief will contact Consumers Energy regarding the results of the meter test,

New Business: A new Ballot Drop Box has arrived, compliments of the state. It will need to be installed.

Adjournment: Motion by Stemaly, seconded by Thomas, Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.