Raber Township Regular Board Meeting Approved Minutes 04/09/2024

The Raber Township Regularly Scheduled Meeting was held at Raber Township Hall and was called to order at 07:00 p.m. by Supervisor Linda Johnson.

ROLL CALL

Supervisor Linda Johnson, Clerk Hillary Galarowic, Treasurer Sara Cottle and Trustees Robert Warner and Dan Galarowic were present. Seventeen (17) Township Residents attended in person.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda as presented made by: Sara

Supported by: Dan

All in favor, motion carries

CLERK'S MINUTES

Motion to approve the March minutes as presented: Robert

Supported by: Sara

All in favor, motion carries

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND:	\$ 107,376.02
FIRE DEPARTMENT:	\$ 3,737.98
CHILDREN'S FUND:	\$ 1895.32
RECREATION FUND:	\$ 1,646.86
CEMETERY FUND:	\$ 4,332.52
ROAD FUND:	\$ 96,904.62
AMBULANCE	\$ 23,157.13
RTVFD Fundraising	\$ 72,355.65
TOWNSHIP PROTECT	\$ 57,625.96

Fiscal Recovery Fund \$ 66,731.33

Adjustments made to the General Fund due to PILT payment from the state being deposited incorrectly.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as amended made by: Hillary

Supported by: Robert All in favor, motion carried

PRESENTATION & PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made to pay the bills in the amount of \$17,020.16

Motion made by: Hillary

Supported by:

All in favor; motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment opened at 7:07.

Tracey Holt, Hospice of the EUP – Tracey joined the meeting to update the residents regarding the changes to home health and hospice services for Chippewa County. The Hospice house, including all the outlying facilities, will continue business as usual as they are not operated by Chippew County. The county has announced that their home health and hospice division will close permanently due to lack of funding. There will be a potential for three home health service companies and two hospice companies available to provide services to Chippewa County residents. Residents are encouraged to reach out to the Hospice of EUP for help accessing services.

Resident Concerns – Several Raber Township residents joined the meeting to share mutual concerns regarding resident Andrew Mrozek. This resident has shared that he will be operating a large production pig farm. Residents are concerned regarding the impact that will have to adjacent properties as well as the ground water due to fecal run off. Residents also shared concerns regarding their safety based on continued harassment from this resident. The township board encouraged the residents to follow up with authorities regarding harassment issues as well as the EGLE and Dept of Agriculture regarding the farming issues. The township will reach out to law enforcement to share these concerns. The township will also investigate options for interim zoning based on health and safety regulations. The township will seek legal counsel for what the appropriate steps are.

CORRESPONDENCE

EMS Authority Updates – Feasibility study is ongoing. Water test passed. Dust binder will be scheduled when available. Dump Day is scheduled for June 8. South Raber dock will be getting work completed due to low water levels.

OLD BUSINESS

Treasurer Posting

The township received one application for interim township treasurer position. Motion to appoint Andrea Newvine as interim treasurer made by: Hillary

Supported by: Linda

All in favor, motion carried

NEW BUSINESS

None

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Ongoing work to update the ball fields as needed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

There were no runs in March. Yooperman's hosted Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and donated \$500 to the Children's Fund.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by: Linda Supported by: Hillary

All in favor; meeting adjourned.

Hillary Galarowic Raber Township Clerk