

BOARD MEETING MINUTES HELD AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL JULY 10, 2023 AT 7:00 pm



Supervisor Koehn opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll call was taken of the Board members present: Jim Malarney, Mike Herr, Steve May, Rob Hosken, Jim Koehn, Ray Thompson and Ben Ruesink.

May moved, supported by Malarney, to approve the June 12, 2023 Board Minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Ruesink moved, supported by Herr, to approve all the reasonable and customary bills and claim audit vouchers paid or presented for payment. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report - Distributed

Public Comment -

Resident Rick Upell stated that Evergreen Road from Wolf Creek is in bad shape with potholes 4" deep.

- Board Members stated that residents that lived on that section of the road in the past expressed that they like the poor condition because it restricts speeding.
- Supervisor Koehn has received an L.C.R.C. quote of \$46,699.00 to repave 600 feet of said road.
 - The Board feels the quote is over priced
 - He is going to talk with the L.C.R.C. tomorrow about the cost

Brent Shea, CPA presented the 2022 Township Audit

- There were no deficiencies found.
- The Township received an "Unqualified Opinion", the best rating that can be given.

Supervisor's Report - Distributed

After his meeting with Police Chief John Elkins and Township Attorney Nikki Underwood last Thursday, he asked the Board's thoughts regarding three issues from the last meeting.

- Chickens, the Board is split with 3 members for and 3 against allowing within zoned residential areas.
- Firearm discharging (non hunting) need wording for an ordinance
- Short term rentals, should work on an ordinance that will take effect next year.
- Will task the Planning Commission to make recommendations to the Board

Attorney's Report - None

Board of Reviews - None

Planning Commission Report -

Discussing future "solar farm" ordinances regarding size and quantity

Fire Department Report - Distributed

Police Department Report -Distributed

Old Business -

The Chair entertained a motion by Hosken, supported by Herr, approving the \$56,650.00 quote form KM Construction to tear off the old shingles, replace any damaged decking and add new 24 gage metal roofing with new trim/accessories. The quote includes hauling everything away. Motion passed unanimously

New Business -

Supervisor Koehn explained the Township will be converting its email to <u>.gov</u> from current <u>.com</u> to comply with best practices.

Clerk Hosken distributed document from the <u>Michigan Department of Treasury</u> stating the 2022 expenditures exceeded the budget and demanding and explanation and action plan going forward to not let it happen again.

- He explained that the advances done to both the Fire and Police Departments was the cause and that it had never been a problem in the past.
- The new ambulance which was expensed as required, created the variance over budget to exceed the 10% threshold allowance.
- Recommended that going forward the department advances be budgeted against *Financed from Equity* in the revenue section of the budget.

Public Comment -

Mike Herr asked for an update on the 22 acres recently purchased.

• Supervisor Jim Koehn and Trustee Ray Thompson discussed seeding the property to keep it from going wild with trees and weeds

Jim Koehn, Supervisor

Looking for something that won't need many cuttings throughout the year.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Hosken, Clerk