

Minutes

Tuesday

September 13, 2022

**1. Meeting called to order** at 7:00 pm

**Board Members present:** Jerry Rohde, Supervisor; Neil Jenkins, Trustee; Marguerite Cooper, Treasurer; Kelly Bushre, Clerk; Brian Goward, Trustee.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance recited**

**3. Public Comments –** Lance Anderson introduced himself as a new resident in the Township and would like to get involved.

**4. Approval of Consent Agenda** – B. Goward made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. N. Jenkins with support. Motion carried. 5 yes and 0 no votes.

**5. Approval of Agenda** – Motion by M. Cooper to approve the Agenda with and addition to Unfinished Business. #6 ARPA Funds from the County. Support by N. Jenkins Motion carried.

**6. Guest** – none

**7. Approval of Minutes** –

**Township Board Minutes of 8-9-22 -** Motion by M. Cooper to approve the minutes from 8-9-2022. Support by B. Goward. Motion carried.

**8. Approval of Invoices** – Motion by B. Goward to approve bills for payment as presented, Support by M. Cooper. Yes Votes: Rohde, Jenkins, Cooper, Bushre, Goward. No: 0 votes. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

**9. Report by:**

**Supervisor:**

1. **Zoning Permits:** Doan for Modular Home, VanLoon for new home.
2. **Land Division:** Motion by K. Bushre for a Land Division of 1 acre (165’ X 264’) in Section #27 of Wm & Christine Butcher. Support by B. Goward. Motion carried.

**Motion by B.** Goward for a Land Division on Adams Rd. for VanLoons (295’ X 754’). Support by N. Jenkins. Motion carried.

1. **Assessing update**: Assessor J. Rohde completed the 16 hours of training for the 2023 assessing year.
2. **Complaints –** weeds & lawns not mowed, will hire Gary Smith to do some cleanup of lots. Discussed the noise of a rooster. Will send letter owner.
3. **MREC – DTE update –** County Treasurer is working with DTE and the MREC board to finalize the paybacks amounts. County will pay DTE and then the County will collect the amount for the participating entities. MREC board is now in the process of working with Consumers Energy and Exelon on their Tax tribunal appeals.

**Treasurer:**

1. **Update –** have collect 84% as of today. Last day to pay is Sept. 14th without penalty.

**Clerk:**

1. **Update –** hall rentals are doing well.
2. **Upcoming Election –** Next election will be Nov. 8th.  Just getting started on the preparations for this election.
3. **Township ARPA funds –** discussed

**10. Fire/Rescue Department**

**1. Update –** no meeting

**11. Unfinished Business**

1. **Cemetery fence/paving update –** waiting on the repaving of the road.
2. **Parking Lot lighting bids. –** discussed. Motion made by M. Cooper to go with a bid for Randy Davis. Support by K. Bushre. Discussed. Trustee N. Jenkins will be the contact person for this project. Motion carried. 5 yes votes.
3. **Trash Agreements** – will be a meeting at Swan Valley High School Auditorium on September 27th.
4. **Computer Technician** – UNC Ithaca contracts – discussed. Shannon McKnight co- owner of the company explained the upgrades needed. Motion by M. Cooper to use UNC as our computer upgrade and IT support. Support by B. Goward. Motion carried. 5 yes and 0 no votes.
5. **Road Improvement update** – will be starting Olive Rd soon. Barry road is still in construction process. Roads in Wheeler to start soon along with the cemetery road.
6. **ARPA County Funds for Sewer update** – discussed, will set up a meeting with Jeff Ostrander from the Village and ask some concerned questions. Tabled.

**12. New Business**

**1. County Blight Enforcement agreement –** Motion by M. Cooper to go with the new contract allowing anyone to file the complaint. Support by N. Jenkins. Motion carried.

1. **Gratiot Township Association meeting** – meeting will be held September 21 at the Pine River Twp. hall.
2. **Solar** – Planning Commission is still looking at and reviewing the setback guidelines. PC will review the Solar Ordinance at their January meeting.

**13. Public Comments** – Jan Bunting gave a copy of the Sherriff report. Also a spreadsheet of the 2021 Tax disbursements on all the Wind Turbines in Gratiot County.

**14. Board Comments** –B. Goward has a group from Isabella Bank that will be doing community improvements on October 10th. Bushre & Goward will get together with a list of items to improve on.

**15. Adjournment** - J. Rohde adjourned the meeting at 8:02 pm.

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