



Minutes

Tuesday

March 14 2023

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 – County Commissioner George Bailey – Reported that Chris Oosterhoff has been appointed as the County Chief administrator. Talked about the Alma Airport. March 28th at 2pm there will be a meeting on County Wide broadband at the Gratiot RESD building.

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 N. Jenkins to approve the Agenda with 1 addition, #2 under New Business put Budget Adjustments. Support by M. Cooper. Motion carried.

6. Guest – none

7. Approval of Minutes –

Township Board Minutes of 2-14-23 - Motion by J. Rohde to approve the minutes as presented. Support by M. Cooper. Motion carried.

8. Approval of Invoices – Clerk reported the bills for payment. Motion by M. Cooper to approve the bill invoices for payment. Support by N. Jenkins. Motion carried. Roll call vote 5 Yes and 0 No votes.

9. Report by:

Supervisor:

1. Zoning Permits: none,

2. **Land Division:** Spiekerman property on Mason Rd. Supervisor presented the split. Discussed. Motion by K. Bushre to approve the splits on the Spiekerman property in section 26. Support by N. Jenkins. Motion carried. 5 Yes and 0 No votes
Wertz property in section 10 on Jefferson road. Take out the house and out buildings for a lot size of 270' X 245'. Discussed. Motion by N. Jenkins to approve the split as presented. Support by B. Goward. Motion carried.
3. **Assessing update:** BOR – had 7 Veterans application, 3 Hardship applications, and 6 protests.
4. **Complaints** – none
5. **MREC** – still working with Consumers Energy & the other companies to get the turbines that they have in Tax Tribunal a settlement.

Treasurer:

1. **Update** – March 1st all delinquent taxes have been sent to the County Treasurer. Here at the township we have collected 96.6% of the total amount of taxes to collect. Waiting for the County Treasurer to send me the final settlement information to complete the 2022 tax year.

Clerk:

1. **Update: Hall rentals are going well.** Back room is getting the wall built to make documents more secure.
2. **Township ARPA funds** –
 - a. **Technology upgrades** – clerk presented the need for cameras and the cost. Discussed. Motion by M. Cooper to go with Unified Network Consulting, LLC to place 3 camera's at the Township Hall/Office building. Support by B. Goward. Roll call vote. 5 Yes and 0 No votes.
 - b. **Image Sign** – the sign is completed. Discussed on how nice it looks.
 - c. **Cemetery improvements** – the holding vaults have all been removed. Will need to make plans to complete and turn into a chapel.
 - d. **Township Hall improvements** – working in the backroom on building the wall with the lumber from the cemetery building.
 - e. **Parking lot lighting** – will be completing the parking lot lights this week. Then work on installing the couple lights in the pavilion with a few outlets.

10. Fire/Rescue Department

1. **Update** –Truck 371 getting a bid on a rebuilt of the pump. Talked about service agreements with the servicing Townships. Discussion on GESA. Have scheduled meetings with Porter/Bethany to discuss the change in the service agreements. Will be getting an Audit done this year. Fridge in Fire hall is not working anymore. Looking at getting a new one.

Budget – looked over the 2023-2024 Fire/Rescue Department Budget. Discussed. Motion by K. Bushre to approve the 23-24 Fire/Rescue Budget. Support by B. Goward. Roll call vote. 5 Yes and 0 No votes. Motion carried.

11. Unfinished Business

- 1. County ARPA for Sewer Station upgrades** – nothing new to report.

12. New Business:

- 1. Road Agreements** - Supervisor will work on getting the information together for the April Meeting.

- 2. Budget Adjustments** – Clerk Bushre reported on the budget adjustments that need to be added to the Fire/Rescue millages that are reported on the Townships L4029. Discussed. Motion by N. Jenkins to approve the budget adjustments. Support by M. Cooper. Motion carried. 5 Yes votes.

13. Public Comments – none

14. Board Comments – none

15. Adjournment - J. Rohde adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.

Jerome Rohde, Supervisor

Kelly A. Bushre – Clerk