



Minutes

Tuesday

May 9, 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; Absent: Brian Goward, Trustee.

2. Pledge of Allegiance recited

3. Public Comments – E. Burgess – asking about the increase in his property taxes.

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

5. Approval of Agenda – Motion by J. Rohde to approve the Agenda as presented. Support by N. Jenkins. Motion carried.

6. Guest – none

7. Approval of Minutes –

Township Board Minutes of 4-11-23 - Motion by M. Cooper to approve the minutes of 4-11-2023. Support by N. Jenkins. Motion carried on a roll call vote. 4 yes 0 no votes.

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

9. Report by:

Supervisor:

- 1. Zoning Permits:** Ward Rental sheds on M-46, M. Morris – pond. D. Stoneman with an enclosed deck/porch.
- 2. Land Division:** none
- 3. Assessing update:** driving around and update parcel information.

4. **Complaints** – barking dog – letter sent, 1 resident on trash bins
5. **MREC – DTE update** – Consumers Energy has reached an agreement. Still working with agreements on the remaining companies.

Treasurer:

1. **Update** – 2022 tax settlement is complete. Mid-June will be working on preparing the 2023 summer tax bills which will go out July 1st.

Clerk:

1. **Update** – hall rentals are booked May, June and July for every weekend.
2. **Township ARPA funds**
 - Reporting – April 30 was the deadline for getting the report completed. Did report on Technology Funds spend along with the parking lot lighting project.
 - Cemetery – working on changing the storage building into a Chapel. Discussion on the Columbarium. Motion by M. Cooper to purchase a 48 niche Columbarium/along with the 2 benches. (Show special). Support by N. Jenkins. Roll call vote. Yes: K. Bushre, J. Rohde, N. Jenkins, M. Cooper. No: none. Absent: B. Goward. Motion carried.

Playground improvements – discussed. Motion by M. Cooper to spend up to \$10,000 for playground improvements. Support by K. Bushre. Motion carried. Yes: M. Cooper, K. Bushre, N. Jenkins, J. Rohde. No: 0 Absent: B. Goward. Roll call vote.

10. Fire/Rescue Department

1. **Update** – looking to add a couple new firefighters. All seems to be running well.

11. Unfinished Business

1. **County ARPA for Sewer Station upgrades – Resolution** – Motion by K. Bushre to approve the resolution as presented. Support by M. Cooper. Discussed. Roll call vote. Yes: K. Bushre, N. Jenkins, M. Cooper, J. Rohde. No: 0 Absent: B. Goward. Motion carried.

12. New Business

1. **Road Agreements** – Discussed. **Brine Agreement** - Motion by K. Bushre to approve the 3 applications of brining on roads. Support by N. Jenkins. Yes: M. Cooper, J. Rohde, K. Bushre, N. Jenkins. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Graveling Agreement – Motion by M. Cooper to do 8.51 miles of graveling and 2.5 miles of limestone. Support by N. Jenkins. Roll call vote. Yes: K. Bushre, M Cooper, N. Jenkins, J. Rohde. Motion carried.

2. Resolutions

Rubbish Collection Resolution – Motion by J. Rohde to charge \$160 for trash collection. Support by M. Cooper. Motion carried.

Sewer Usage Rates Resolution – Motion by J. Rohde to increase the sewer usage to \$45.00 per month. Support by M. Cooper. Motion carried.

Supervisor/Assessor Salary Resolution - Motion by M. Cooper to change supervisor salary to \$11,600 and Assessors salary to \$19,400. Support by N. Jenkins. Motion carried.

Clerk/Administrative Salary Resolution – Motion by M. Cooper to increase Clerk salary to \$20,500 and Administrative salary to \$11,600, add Deputy Clerk for wage of \$16 per hour. Support by N. Jenkins. Motion carried.

Treasurer Salary Resolution – Motion by K. Bushre to increase Treasurers salary to \$31,000, add Deputy Treasurer for a wage of \$16 per hour. Support by J. Rohde. Motion carried.

Trustee's Salary Resolution – Motion by K. Bushre to increase Trustee salary to \$230 per month. Support by J. Rohde. Motion carried.

Handyperson Salary Resolution – Motion by J. Rohde to pay handyperson \$18 per hour. Support by N. Jenkins. Motion carried.

Election Inspectors Salary Resolution – Motion by J. Rohde to increase the hourly Salary to \$17 per hour. Keeping the other pay items the same. Support by K. Bushre. Motion carried.

Other Offices held Salary Resolution –

Board of Review - \$50.00 per diem/\$18.50 per hour

Board of Appeals - \$50.00 per diem

Planning Commission - \$65.00 per diem/\$75.00 per Chairperson

Hall Opening - \$15 per opening

Hall Cleaning - \$60.00 per cleaning (2Hrs) – addition hours \$16.00 per hour

Co-op Student - \$14.00 per hour

Motion by M. Cooper to approve the pay of Other Offices Salary. Support by N. Jenkins. Motion carried.

Street Lights Special Assessment Resolution – Motion by J. Rohde to approve a 1.0 mills for Street light special assessment. Support by K. Bushre. Discussed. This is a reduction from 1.25 mills. Motion carried.

3. Budget – Working on the 2023/2024. Budget Hearing to be scheduled on June 13 at 6:30pm followed by the monthly board meeting.

13. Public Comments – none

14. Board Comments –

15. Adjournment - J. Rohde adjourned the meeting at 7:51 pm.

Jerome Rohde, Supervisor

Kelly A. Bushre, Clerk