



Minutes

Tuesday

December 12, 2023

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance recited

3. Public Comments – none

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

5. Approval of Agenda – Motion B. Goward to approve the Agenda with 1 addition. Item #6 MMWA update. Support by N. Jenkins. Motion carried.

6. Guest – none

7. Approval of Minutes –

Township Board Minutes of 11-14-2023. Motion by J. Rohde to approve the minutes as presented. Support by N. Jenkins. Motion carried.

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

9. Report by:

Supervisor:

- 1. Zoning Permits:** none
- 2. Land Division:** none

3. **Assessing update:** December Board of Review will be held on Dec. 12th. Working on the 2024 Assessing Audit Manual. Changes by State on Veterans Exemptions.
4. **Complaints** – Sewer REU’s on Shankel property in Wheeler – discussed.
5. **MREC** – Offer has been made to Constallation waiting on them to agree on the offer.
6. **MMWA** – presented a year in review. Financial Reports were handed out. Elected a new Chairperson.

Treasurer:

1. **Update** – Tax bills went out December 1st. Had to correct a few parcels for errors.

Clerk:

1. **Update:** Reported on upcoming meetings and hall rentals. Have been taking reservations for next year.
2. **Township ARPA funds**
 - **Cemetery** – cement work has started.

10. Fire/Rescue Department

1. **Update** – no meeting the month of November. Christmas in the Village the department served S’mores and hot cider.

11. Unfinished Business

1. **Solar Ordinance** –discussed. Motion by N. Jenkins to approve the Solar Ordinance 1-2023. Support by B. Goward. Roll call vote. Yes: K. Bushre, B. Goward, M. Cooper, N. Jenkins, J. Rohde. No: 0. Supervisor J. Rohde declared the Ordinance adopted.
2. **Road Commission Quote (STOP Signs)** – discussed. Motion by B. Goward to pay 25% of the cost to place blinker lights on corners of Barry/Lincoln & Wisner/Lincoln. For a cost of \$9,375.00. Support by M. Cooper. Motion carried. 5 yes and 0 no votes.

12. New Business:

1. **Resolution to request funds from Gratiot County (playground)** - Motion by M. Cooper to approve the resolution to apply for a grant from the Gratiot County Parks Grant Program in the amount of \$12,000.00. Support by B. Goward. Motion carried. 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.
2. **Solar Ordinance** – advertising will put in paper, website and copies available at Township office.
3. **Permit Fee Schedule update** – Supervisor J. Rohde presented the Permit Fee Schedule with update. Discussed. Motion by M. Cooper to approve the Permit Fee Schedule. Support by N. Jenkins. Motion carried.

13. Public Comments –

George Bailey the County Commissioner – Elected Steve Sopocy as a new Commissioner in District 4. Dave Owens is the new Chair for the Commissioners. Dennis McDonald will run the Gratiot County Airport, with updates being made to the grounds.

14. Board Comments – none

15. Adjournment - J. Rohde adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Jerome Rohde, Supervisor

Kelly A. Bushre – Clerk