



Minutes

Tuesday

September 12, 2023

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance recited

3. Public Comments –

Joyce Smith: Would like the board to consider the Twp. Hall to be used for a Senior Center on Mondays, Wednesday & Friday for the Foods for Friends program. Hours would be from 10am – 2pm.

Joyce Smith: concerned on how people can get rid of yard waste.

Sherry Orihel: Internet in the Township. She had to switch companies due to poor reception and she brought in flyers for other residents if they would like to switch.

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 2 additions to New Business. Support by J. Rohde. Motion carried.

6. Guest – none

7. Approval of Minutes –

Township Board Minutes of 8-8-2023. Motion by N.Jenkin to approve the minutes as presented. Support by J. Rohde. Motion carried.

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

9. Report by:

Supervisor:

1. **Zoning Permits:** A. Devuyst for a Pole Bldg.
2. **Land Division:** none
3. **Assessing update:** doing the sales studies. Another class to take for assessing.
4. **Complaints** – sent out a few letters for barking dogs and lawns.
5. **MREC** – received an offer from Constallation.
6. **MMWA** – audit if completed.

Treasurer:

1. **Update** – have received 72% on the Summer Taxes.

Clerk:

1. **Update:** Reported on upcoming meetings and hall rentals.
2. **Township ARPA funds**
 - **Playground** – equipment has arrived. Looking to get installed in the next few weeks. Going to apply at the Michigan Townships Par Plan for a grant to purchase sand. **Motion** by B. Goward to approve the resolution 15-2023 to apply for 10 yards of sand thru the Michigan Township Par Plan for the 2 parks in Wheeler. Support by N. Jenkins. Motion carried on a roll call vote. 5 yes and 0 no votes.
 - **Cemetery** – work is continuing on Chapel building. Received a bid from Woodbridge Construction for the cement work to place the Columbarium onto. Discussed the options. **Motion** by N. Jenkins to have Woodbridge Construction do the cement work on go with option 1a in the amount of \$14,000 which we will funds from ARPA. Support by B. Goward. Motion carried on a roll call. 5 yes and 0 no votes.
 - **Township Hall** – discussed on the purchase of new chairs but will but on hold until we get the cemetery work completed.

10. Fire/Rescue Department

1. **Update** –Rescue had 21 patients with 54 responders for an average of 2.57 responders per run. Looking at getting better hazmat suits for body removals along with Hazard pay for responders. Apply for Grant for training. Officer truck needed some repairs and GM has taken care of those issues. Discussed on some new signage at the intersection of Wisner & Lincoln roads. Rehired Mike Sterling Jr. and Jason Westall back onto the department. Looking to send 2 new fire fighters to the Academy. Received \$50,000 from the Michigan Fire fighter equipment grant. Will us for new gear. Discussion on the new Fire Hall.

11. Unfinished Business

1. **Solar Ordinance** – received reply back on the Solar Ordinance from attorney and has been forward onto the Planning Commission members to review. Discussed. Will look into hold a work session before the next meeting which will be held on October 4, 2023 at 7pm.
2. **Master Plan** – Kevin Olling will represent the Twp.

12. New Business:

1. Public Hearing for Anaerobic Digestive System – Will be held on October 4th at 7pm during the Regular quarterly Planning Commission Meeting. Discussed about the digestive system and how it works.
2. **2 PA116 for M. Brown (Wertz Farms)** – discussed. **Motion** by M. Cooper to approve the 2 PA116 for M. Brown in the sections of 10 & 15. Support by N. Jenkins. Motion carried.
3. **Senior Citizen/Commission on Aging** – use of the Township hall for meeting. Discussed. Motion by N. Jenkins to allow the Commission on Aging to use the Township Hall for their Foods for Friends gatherings on Mondays, Wednesday and Friday from 10am to 2pm. Support by M. Cooper. Motion carried 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.
4. **9 Day early voting** – discussed. County Clerk Angie Thompson gave a presentation on the costs and process of holding your own township and combining with the county to hold the 9 days. Discussed. Motion was made by M. Cooper to approve the Resolution 14-2023 to go into agreement with the County to administer the early 9 day voting. Support by B. Goward. Motion carried. 5 yes and 0 no votes.

13. Public Comments –

George Bailey the County Commissioner – the tire drive is this weekend. Still a lot of appoints open to drop of the tires. Just need to call.

14. Board Comments – none

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

Jerome Rohde, Supervisor

Kelly A. Bushre – Clerk