



Minutes

Tuesday

May 14, 2024

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 – Roy McCollum addressed the crowd for the campaigning of Brett Baublitz for Gratiot County Sheriff.

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

5. Approval of Agenda – Motion M. Cooper to approve the agenda with 2 additions. Support by B. Goward. Motion carried.

6. Guest – none

7. Approval of Minutes –

Township Board Minutes of 4-9-2024. Motion by N. Jenkins to approve the minutes as presented. Support by M. Cooper. Motion carried.

Special Twp Board Minutes of 5-7-2024. Motion by B. Goward to approve the minutes as represented. Support by N. Jenkins. Motion carried.

8. Approval of Invoices – Clerk reported the invoices for payment. Motion by M. Cooper to approve the 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:** none
3. **Assessing update:** Assessor has completed 16 hours of training. Needing to do 4 hours of training that is put on by the State Tax Commission.
4. **Complaints** – Woodbridge Road at train tracks. Dumpsters at Martins Corner Store.
5. **MREC** – wanting on Constellation to agree with the offer presented.

Treasurer:

1. **Tax Update** – everything is disbursed. Will begin 2024 summer taxes in June and mail out July 1st.
2. **Tax Settlement** – all settled with the county.

Clerk:

1. **Update:** upcoming events.
2. **Township ARPA funds**
 - **Cemetery – finishing up all started projects.**
 - **Hall** – n/a
 - **Gratiot County Sewer ARPA** – discussed report that was presented.
3. **Election/Petitions** – Primary Election is Aug. 6th. 2 filed for Supervisor, 1 Clerk, 1 Treasurer, 2 for Trustees.

10. Fire/Rescue Department

1. **Update** – purchased 7 set of cones to help with road closures when needed. JBS will be at the Fire Board meeting to show some new drawing for a new Fire/Rescue Hall. Did a CPR training with the Breckenridge High School Seniors. Working on collecting some outstanding receivables on Fire/Rescue runs.

11. Unfinished Business

1. **Commission on Aging Meals** – everything is all set and they will start tomorrow Wednesday May 15, 2024
2. **Michigan State Housing grant program** – Discussed. Motion by K. Bushre to allow Supervisor Rohde to proceed with going forward with the Housing grant program. Support by B. Goward. Motion carried.

12. New Business:

1. Rubbish Collection Resolution – discussed. Motion by K. Bushre to charge \$165 per township household for yearly collection. Support by B. Goward. Motion carried.

2. St. Light Resolution – discussed. Motion by J. Rohde to leave at 1 mill. Support by M. Cooper. Motion carried.

3. Sewer Resolution – discussed. Motion by B. Goward to increase the sewer usage rate to \$47.00 per month. Support by N. Jenkins. Motion carried.

4. Salary Resolutions

Supervisor – Motion by B. Goward to approve the Supervisors salary at \$12,200 with Special meetings at \$50.00. Support by M. Cooper. Motion carried.

Clerk – discussed. Motion by J. Rohde to combine the clerk and administrative duties for a salary of \$33,700.00. Special meetings at \$50.00. Support by M. Cooper. Motion carried.

Treasurer – Motion by B. Goward to approve the salary of Treasurer at \$32,600.00 with Special Meetings at \$50.00 per meeting. Support by N. Jenkins. Motion carried.

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer – Motion by J. Rohde to approve the wage of the Deputy Clerk and Deputy Treasurer to \$17.00 per hour. Support by M. Cooper. Motion carried.

Trustee – Motion by M. Cooper to pay the Trustees \$240.00 per meeting. Special Meetings at \$50.00. Support by J. Rohde. Motion carried.

Other – Motion by M. Cooper to approve the wages/compensation for other positions of the Township Board/Employees.

Board of Review - \$55.00 per diem (+/-) \$19.00 per hour

Board of Appeals - \$50.00 per diem

Planning Commission - \$70.00 per diem, \$80.00 for Chairperson

Hall Openings - \$15.00 per opening

Hall Closings - \$10 per closing

Co-op Student - \$14.50 per hour

Training Class - \$50 per diem

Support by N. Jenkins. Motion carried.

Handy Person – discussed. Motion by K. Bushre to approve the wage of \$18.50 per hour with a Tool Allowance of \$35.00 per pay period. Support by B. Goward. Motion carried.

Election Inspectors – discussed. Motion by K. Bushre to pay the Election Inspectors as follows,

- Training Class - \$50.00 per diem
- Orientation Meeting - \$50.00 per diem
- Election Day - \$18.00 per hour
- Mileage – current Federal standard rate

Support by M. Cooper. Motion carried.

5. Blight Ordinance – County is looking to make changes to the current Ordinance. 8 Townships are now involved with the County Blight Program. Table till we get the new updated information.

6. Liability Insurance – discussed. Burnham & Flower have changed their name to Acrisure. Motion by M. Cooper to approve the Liability Insurance with Acrisure for the next budget year. Support by J. Rohde. 5 yes and 0 no votes. Motion carried.

13. Public Comments – Commissioner George Bailey reported on County Recycle Plan. Still in the early stages. Looking at doing the tire collection again. Updating the Central Dispatch radio Tower to get better reception in the county.

14. Board Comments – none

15. Adjournment - J. Rohde adjourned the meeting at 8:17 pm.

Jerome Rohde, Supervisor

Kelly A. Bushre – Clerk