



Minutes

Tuesday

October 8, 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 – E. Beach – praised the Fire/Rescue department on the service that the family received both times when they were called to the home.

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

5. Approval of Agenda – Motion M. Cooper to approve the agenda with 3 additions. Support by N. Jenkins. Motion carried.

6. Guest – none

7. Approval of Minutes –

Township Board Minutes of 9-10-2024. Motion by B. Goward to approve the minutes as presented. 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:** working on sale studies and FOIA requests
4. **Complaints – none**
5. **Planning Commission update** – County is working on the Master Plan. Set meeting dates for 2025.
6. **Trash & Recycling** – meeting on Monday Oct. 14th. Twp plans on participating in the Christmas light recycling program with the MMWA.

Treasurer:

1. **Tax Update** – collection on Summer Tax has gone well. About 4.2% left to collect.

Clerk:

1. **Update:** upcoming events and Hall rentals
2. **ARPA** – Report on approximately what we have remaining for the Twp. Talked about the County ARPA funds Sewer update project. Will put together some ideas and costs for the next months meeting in November.
3. **FOIA** – discussed. Senses is to send off to lawyer and have looked at.

10. Fire/Rescue Department

1. **Update** – October is Fire Safety month. Elementary students will be visiting the fire hall. The new bumper gear has arrived. Trucks have all been inspected and passed.

11. Unfinished Business

1. **Michigan State Housing grant program** – no report.
2. **Cemetery Ordinance & Resolution** – have a few more correction and questions for the attorney. Will bring the final draft on November meeting.

12. New Business:

1. **Board of Review members** – discussed. Motion by M. Cooper to appoint Julie Jenkins, Rex Smith, Ron Peck as Board of Review members. Support by B. Goward. Motion carried.
2. **Planning Commission** – discussion on the members. Will need to appoint a new person. Will need to look on who will need to be reappointed.

3. Gratiot County Parks Funding – discussed. Decided to wait until next year to apply again to help out our park’s improvements.

4. Jaycee-Hoffmeyer Park in Village of Breckenridge – received a letter for support from Village of Breckenridge to help fund the park. Motion by M. Cooper to help fund the Jaycee Hoffmeyer Park in the Village of Breckenridge with \$10,000. Support by B. Goward. Discussed. Motion carried on a roll call vote. 5 yes and 0 no votes.

5. Arnold Road Bid – received a bid to pave Arnold Road from the Village of Breckenridge limits south to Jackson Rd. Discussed. Motion by K. Bushre to approve the bid for the paving of Arnold Road from the Village of Breckenridge limits south to Jackson Rd. Support by M. Cooper. Motion carried. 5 yes and 0 no votes.

6. Commission on Aging Agreement – Motion by M. Cooper to approve the agreement between the Commission on Aging and Township of Wheeler for the use of the Twp hall to host the Foods for Friends site. Support by N. Jenkins. Motion carried.

13. Public Comments – commissioner George Bailey talked about the Alma airport upgrades. Tire Drive that was held at the Gratiot County Fair grounds went well. County Assessor Keegan Bendal went from an employee to a private contractor. Saving the County funds.

14. Board Comments – none

15. Adjournment - J. Rohde adjourned the meeting at 7:56 pm.

Jerome Rohde, Supervisor

Kelly A. Bushre – Clerk