



Minutes

Tuesday

August 13, 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 – J. LaCosse – dispute with neighbor with sign on fence. Discussed.

4. Approval of Consent Agenda – M. Cooper 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 J. Rohde to approve the agenda. Support by H. Jenkins. Motion carried.

6. Guest – none

7. Approval of Minutes –

Township Board Minutes of 7-9-2024. Motion by N. Jenkins to approve the minutes as presented. Support by M. Cooper. 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:** L. Greene/front porch to a dog room. J Hawk (Martins Corner Store) to install gas pumps and island.
2. **Land Division:** Cates: D. Cates 4.81 acre to 2 acres, N Cates 1 acre to 3.81. Motion by M. Cooper to approve the Land Division of the Cates properties on Jefferson Rd. Support by N. Jenkins. Motion approved.
3. **Assessing update:** passed Assessing Audit. Driving around and doing some field work. Attending MAA training.
4. **Complaints – LaCosse** – sign on neighbor’s fence. Discussed in public comment.
5. **MREC** – settled with Constellation is complete.

Treasurer:

1. **Tax Update** – 19.9% has been collected to date on the summer taxes.

Clerk:

1. **Update:** upcoming events.
2. **ARPA** – discussed. Working with village to complete the sewer project. Then see what is left to put with the remaining township funds. Then decide what project to apply the funds to.
3. **Election Aug. & upcoming Nov** – August election went well. 6 full time workers and 1 part time. 194 absentee voters along with 305 on election day. Total of 499 voters out of 2134 registered voters. Will be starting on November election the first part of September.

10. Fire/Rescue Department

1. **Update** – no meeting in July. Applying for grants to fund the new fire hall. ~~Bills~~ Bids may go out the first part of 2025.

11. Unfinished Business

1. **Michigan State Housing grant program** – Discussed, still on hold.
2. **Hall Rental Rules and fees** – Clerk present fees and some wording changes to be made to the hall rental fees and rules. Discussed. Motion by M. Cooper to approve the new hall rental fees and rules starting the calendar year of 2025. Support by B. Goward. Motion carried on a roll call vote. 5 yes and 0 no votes.

12. New Business:

1. Gemini assessment appeal & offer – on the Community rehab building in Breckenridge. Discussed and Assessor Rohde will present Gemini with a counter value.

13. Public Comments –George Bailey – County Commissioner –

*Reported on the bldg. at the corner of M-46 and McClelland Rd. Talked about the steps of getting it torn down.

*Event at the Airport in Alma – will have a fly in and car show on the 24 of August from 11am to 3pm.

*Plans for a New Terminal

*Tire Drive will be September 21st at the Alma Fairgrounds. This is being put on by the Soil Conservation Dept of Gratiot County.

14. Board Comments – none

15. Adjournment - J. Rohde adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Jerome Rohde, Supervisor

Kelly A. Bushre – Clerk