

MASTODON TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2023

Supervisor Chad Skinner called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Mastodon Township Hall. He asked all to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. Board Members present: Supervisor Chad Skinner, Treasurer Stacey Watters and Trustees Dave Smith and Mike Bjork. Absent: Clerk Jan Lemke

Attendees: Peter LaPin, Julie Harp-Creel, Rosie Loehrke, Summer Olson, Stu Creel, Jackie Beaudoin, Andy Fleming, Neil Adank, Tammy Hendrickson, Jon Pickart, Jackie and Brian Clancey, and John & Lynn Waclawski.

Changes to agenda: Move Zoning Administrator to speak first.

November Meeting Minutes - Stacey made a motion to accept the October minutes with a second by Mike. All in Favor. November meeting minutes stand as is.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Review: Mike reviewed the General Fund checks 31243-31281, Water Fund #1840, and payroll DD981-988.. No questions.

Treasurer Report: Stacey wanted to mention that she had an incorrect due date on the winter tax bills. The date should have been February 29, 2024 - not February 29, 2023.

Clerk's Report: Nothing to report.

Supervisor's Report: Only item to be discussed is on the agenda under New Business - 3 Year Plan

Road Commission Report: Dave attended the meeting. Dave discussed with Brad that he wanted Kalla Walla Trail on our 3 year plan. He suggested that maintenance be done this next year and black top the following year.

Assessor Report: Tammy had emailed her report.

Fire Department Report: Andy emailed his monthly report. Radios have been ordered.

Planning Commission Report: Planning Commission meeting working on the zoning ordinance. They changed their next two meeting dates: they will meet on February 6th and April 4th.

Zoning Admin. Report: Stu had emailed his report to the Board. He remarked that two issues from Lake Mary have been turned over to legal council and he is waiting back for a response.

Recreation Committee Report: No meeting

Village of Alpha: A Christmas party is being planned in the Village on the 16th of December from noon to 3:00.

Maintenance Report: Dan emailed his report. No questions.

Unfinished Business:

Dunn Mine: No new updates. Jan will continue to work on it when she is able to return to the office.

Alpha Lot: No update

New Business:

Planning Commission Appointee: After discussion, Mike volunteered to be the liaison to the Planning Commission.

Authorization for Attorney Input: Chad reported to the board that there were times when the Zoning Administrator needed to contact our legal council. Chad made a motion to allow the Zoning Administrator to ask the Supervisor for authority to make that contact. Mike then made another motion to allow the Zoning Administrator to coordinate with the Supervisor for second notification on zoning violations to keep it within the legal process. Dave seconded the motion. All in Favor.

Road Commission - 3 year Report: Overall, the township roads are in good shape. Dave reiterated his input as stated above regarding Kalla Walla Trail. He reminded everyone that Camp 5 Road, Stager Lake Road and Tobin Alpha Roads are out of our jurisdiction. Mike asked about options for the dip at the bottom of the Alpha Road. Dave stated that he had already spoken to the Road Commission about it and they again stated that it is the Village of Alpha's responsibility to take care of it.

January Meeting Date Change: Jan requested that the January meeting be moved from January 9th to January 16th. The change was agreeable with everyone.

Other Business: Neil asked for more information regarding a new fire number. He was told to contact the Construction Code office and they could order one for him.

Public Comments:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 5:55pm. by Mike and seconded by Stacey. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Lemke, Mastodon Township Clerk