

MASTODON TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting Minutes

June 13, 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, Clerk Jan Lemke, Treasurer Stacey Watters, and Trustees Dave Smith and Mike Bjork.

Attendees: Jackie and Brian Clancey, Andy Fleming, Pam Jensen, Mary Kudwa, Lisa Durr, Chris Moore, Cynthia Rahoi, Paul Dalpha, Rick Herman, Stu and Julie Creel, Teresa Seppala, Abbey Taylor, Noel Sanchez.

Changes to agenda: None

May Meeting Minutes - Stand as written.

Treasurer Report: The Treasurer's report was reviewed.

Clerk's Report: Preparing for our audit visit in July.

Zoning Admin. Report: The report was received.

Assessor Report: Abbey emailed her report to the Board.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Review: Mike reviewed checks 30863-30958, and DD918-928 from the General Fund, Road Fund check 1383-1384, and #1834 from the Water Fund. Dave made a motion to accept the A/P list and the motion was seconded by Stacey. All were in favor.

Supervisor's Report: Chad spoke with Road Commission regarding Stager Lake Road. To be discussed under 'New Business.'

Road Commission Report: Dave attended Road Commission (RC) meeting. RC discussed speed sign at Stager Lake park which would cost \$5,000. No decision made. *Dave has been reviewing all township roads to prepare a report for a 3 year plan for the RC.

Fire Department Report: Andy submitted a report. Dave asked about replacement of road signs. Andy will get us a list so we can discuss replacement. *Andy reported change in some officer positions.

Planning Commission Report: Chad said they had started discussion regarding broadband/internet services throughout the township. It will be a long process but they are committed to work on it.

Recreation Committee Report: Cindy Rahoi informed the board that the Planning Commission has approved the Rec Committee to move forward with planning for a pickleball court at Stager Lake Park. Cindy will get all bids and information for the board to review at our next meeting.

ICECA Report: The May report had been emailed to us.

Village of Alpha: Jackie requested permission to set up volleyball on the 4th of July at Anderson Ballpark. The Board approved the use of the park once we receive the Certificate of Insurance.

Maintenance Report: The maintenance report was reviewed. Dan asked if topsoil should be put down to cover the gravel on our lot in Alpha. Dave made a motion to spend \$600 for topsoil to complete the job. Mike seconded and all were in favor. *The Board approved to use a volunteer to pick up garbage at the parks on a daily basis.

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Unfinished Business:

Dunn Mine: Chad indicated that the information regarding Dunn Mine was still being reviewed.

UPSET Letter: No request was received to attend a meeting.

New Business:

July 4th Permit Application: The Board received an application for a fireworks permit covering the 4th of July. Stacey made a motion to sign the application and the motion was seconded by Chad. All in favor.

Stager Lake Road - Rumble Strips: Dave received an approx. price for speed signs - \$5,000 for the sign and \$8,000 for the portable signs. After discussing several options, Chad asked for a little more time to discuss options with Brad from the Road Commission.

Assessor Position: An ad will be put in the papers.

Other Business:

Public Comments: Paul Dalpra of the Lake Mary Association asked to speak. He suggested that the township may be interested in joining the Michigan Lakes & Streams Association. Along with the membership, a magazine is published quarterly and offers good information. He also gave an update on the milfoil situation in Lake Mary. He said that the situation has greatly improved.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Lemke, Mastodon Township Clerk