

Deerfield Township – Mecosta County
Regular Board Meeting
396 Fourth Street
Morley, MI 49336
April 8, 2021 7:00PM

1. Meeting called to order by Supervisor Phil Stier at 7:00pm Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. Roll Call:
Phil Stier – Supervisor, here. Michelle Lewis – Clerk, here. Sheila Lingle – Treasurer, here. Gary Lambrix – Trustee, here. Brian Carey II – Trustee, here.

Also in attendance: Jim Lewis, Mike and Teresa Korpala, Brenda Lambrix, Stan and Helen Carey, Raymond and Jan Steinke.

3. Approval of Agenda
Gary Lambrix made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented, seconded, by Brian Carey II. Motion Carried.
4. Approval of Minutes
Phil Stier made a motion to approve the minutes for the Budget meeting on March 11, 2021 seconded, by Gary Lambrix. Motion carried.

Phil Stier made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting on March 11, 2021 seconded, by Brian Carey II. Motion Carried.

5. Treasurer Report
Sheila Lingle reported that tax collections had been taken to the court house and balanced. We are waiting for the county to disperse the townships share of the funds.
Reporting for the month of March 2021, Balance General Fund 109,487.64, CD#3 \$25,000.72, CD#6 \$21,785.25, CD#9 \$29,649.87, CD#11 \$28,962.15, CD#8 \$53,608.43, Tax account \$46,370.48 Total Account Balance \$314,864.54
Phil Stier made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented seconded, by Gary Lambrix. Roll call vote: Gary – yes, Sheila Lingle – yes, Brian Carey II – yes, Michelle Lewis – yes, Phil Stier – yes.

6. Approval To Pay Bills & Payroll

Sheila Lingle made a motion to approve the bills and payroll presented seconded, by Gary Lambrix Discussion: Phil Stier amended the motion to approve all bills and payroll except check #9141 seconded, by Brian Carey II. Rolled call vote: Gary Lambrix – Abstain, Brian Carey II – yes, Sheila Lingle – yes, Michelle Lewis – yes, Phil Stier – yes.

7. Reports:

County Commissioner Report: **Per Mr. Raymond Steinke** the federal mileage rate is .56 a mile. Things are going good at the county.

Assessor: Absent

Clerk: **Per Michelle Lewis** things are running on track for the May election, and she is settling into the office. Looking forward to how things will proceed in the future.

Cemetery: Phil Stier made a motion to have the Vining Volunteers, to volunteer to take care of the Quigley Cemetery. The township would reimburse them up to \$200 in expenses. Sheila Lingle seconded. Roll call vote: Gary Lambrix – yes, Sheila Lingle – yes, Michelle Lewis – yes, Brian Carey II – yes, Phil Stier – yes.

Phil Stier made a motion to accept the bid from Heckman & Son Lawn Care for the mowing of the cemeteries for the 2021 mowing season. The bid was for \$6,700 for all 4 cemeteries and the township hall with a reduction of \$500 if paid in full by July 1, 2021 seconded by Brian Carey II. Discussion: Michelle asked if Phil was going to check on the change in price dropping Quigley cemetery. Roll call vote: Brian Carey II – yes, Sheila Lingle – yes, Gary Lambrix – yes, Phil Stier – yes, Michelle Lewis – yes.

8. Unfinished Business:

a. Roads

Phil Stier reported that all the roads were in about the same condition. Phil and Brian drove around for about 3 hours to check the condition of the roads. The township is considering graveling north and south roads that connect paved roads, but also need to consider part of 3 mile and

155th from the bridge toward Jefferson. Brian is looking into the price on processing. Postpone any decisions to a possible special meeting.

9. New Business

a. Salary Resolutions

Phil Stier made a motion to accept the salary resolution for the Supervisor position of \$5,500 for the 2021/2022 fiscal year, seconded by Sheila Lingle. Roll call vote: Gary Lambrix –yes, Brian Carey II –yes, Sheila Lingle –yes, Phil Stier –yes, Michelle Lewis –yes, motion carries.

Phil Stier made a motion to accept the salary resolution for the Clerk position of \$11,963.00 for the 2021/2022 fiscal year, seconded by Sheila Lingle. Roll call vote: Gary Lambrix –yes, Brian Carey II –yes, Sheila Lingle –yes, Phil Stier –yes, Michelle Lewis –yes, motion carries.

Phil Stier made a motion to accept the salary resolution for the Treasurer position of \$11,963.00 for the 2021/2022 fiscal year, seconded by Brian Carey II. Roll call vote: Gary Lambrix –yes, Brian Carey II –yes, Sheila Lingle –yes, Phil Stier –yes, Michelle Lewis –yes, motion carries.

Phil Stier made a motion to accept the salary resolution for the Trustee position of \$1,680.00 for the 2021/2022 fiscal year, seconded by Sheila Lingle. Roll call vote: Gary Lambrix –yes, Brian Carey II –yes, Sheila Lingle –yes, Phil Stier –yes, Michelle Lewis –yes, motion carries.

Phil Stier made a motion to accept the salary resolution for the Trustee position of \$1,680.00 for the 2021/2022 fiscal year, seconded by Sheila Lingle. Roll call vote: Gary Lambrix –yes, Brian Carey II –yes, Sheila Lingle –yes, Phil Stier –yes, Michelle Lewis –yes, motion carries.

b. Post Audit Resolution

Phil Stier made a motion to approve the post audit resolution allowing for check authorization prior to bill list approval for the 2021/2022 fiscal year, seconded by Sheila Lingle. Roll call vote: Gary Lambrix –yes, Brian Carey II –

yes, Sheila Lingle –yes, Phil Stier –yes, Michelle Lewis – yes, motion carried.

c. Move Cd's to money market Account

Cd's #9 & #11 will mature April 24, 2021. Phil Stier made a motion that we move the cd's that will mature April 24, 2021 to a money market account where we will be able to access the money if needed without penalties, seconded by Sheila Lingle. Discussion: Sheila asked if this would still be done through Mercantile Bank. The answer is yes. Roll call vote: Gary Lambrix –yes, Brain Carey II –yes, Sheila Lingle –yes, Phil Stier –yes, Michelle Lewis –yes, motion carries.

d. Mileage Sheet

Phil Stier made a motion that we begin using a mileage sheet for more accountability, seconded by Michelle Lewis, motion carries.

10. Public Comment

Helen Carey – said that she was thankful to learn that the hall was being used for Sheila's protection and community service on Wednesdays. She was also thankful for the typed out minutes and the way the meeting was conducted.

Ray Steinke – Asked about Robert's Rules of Order as it was not on the agenda and last month's minutes said it would be discussed further. He also asked about the operating mileage for Wayne Sutherland he was concerned that it appeared in the minutes that it was going directly to the Assessor.

Jan Steinke – Asked what the bid on the cemetery mowing was for. Phil Stier let her know that it was for \$6,700.

Stan Carey – Let the board know that he was on the board that voted to have the message board put up out front and that it was nice until the kids had thrown rocks at it.

11. Announcements

Next meeting will be held May 13, 2021 at 7:00 pm at the Deerfield township hall.

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:42PM.