

**Deerfield Township – Mecosta County
Regular Board Meeting
396 Fourth Street
Morley, MI 49336
May 13, 2021 7:00PM**

1. Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Phil Stier at 7:01p.m. All those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call:

Supervisor Phil Stier – here
Clerk Michelle Lewis – here
Treasurer Sheila Lingle – here
Trustee Gary Lambrix – here
Trustee Brian Carey II – here

Also in attendance were Raymond and Jan Steinke, Stan Carey, Crystal Lane, and Jim Lewis.

3. Approval of Agenda:

Supervisor Phil Stier made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Brian Carey II. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes:

Gary Lambrix made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2021 meeting, seconded by Sheila Lingle. Motion carried.

5. Treasurers Report:

As of April 30, 2021 CD #3 has a balance of \$25,000.72; CD #6 has a balance of \$21,785.25; CD #8 has a balance of \$53,679.00; Tax Account has a balance of \$46,370.48; General fund account has a balance of \$98,396.64; the Money Market account has a balance of \$58,902.69; for a total amount of \$304,134.78 in assets. We have not yet received the disbursement from the county. Gary Lambrix made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded by Brian Carey II. Roll Call: Brian Carey, yes; Sheila Lingle, yes; Gary Lambrix, yes; Phil Stier, yes; Michelle Lewis, yes; motion carried

6. Approval of Bills and Payroll

Motion to approve bills and payroll in the amount of \$9,743.98 was made by Sheila Lingle, seconded by Phil Stier. Roll Call: Brian Carey II, yes; Sheila Lingle, yes; Gary Lambrix, yes; Phil Stier, yes; Michelle Lewis, yes; motion carried.

7. Report:

County Commissioner Report per Ray Steinke: asked if we had all received a copy of the police report for the month from the police department as the Sherriff Brian Miller is trying to be more transparent. Sheila Lingle confirmed that it was received. Junk Ordinance is coming around and that in the 4 Townships he represents there have been roughly 10/11 reports sent out. Other than that everything seems to be going well.

Assessor Report:

Wayne Sutherland stated that there are statewide changes going into effect for the way things are coded so that every assessor in the state will be using the same codes for the items that they put in. He has not heard if we will have an audit this year from AMAR however if we do he has invited Supervisor Phil Stier to attend as there is a lot of Township things on the list this year.

Clerk Report:

The May election went smoothly although there was not a very large turnout for this election. The form to be reimbursed for the election expenses has already been sent in, and we should receive around \$850 back from holding the election. Supervisor Phil Stier asked what things were reimbursed, Postage, envelopes and anything that cannot be reused. Also wages for election inspectors.

8. Unfinished Business:

a. Roads

Trustee Brian Carey II feels that 2,425 yards is too much for a little over a mile, and that 1,500 yards of gravel per mile should be plenty to add to the roads. We are unsure why the county is asking \$6.05 a yard for gravel when the consumers pit has it posted on the website at \$3.90. 22A mod would be the best has it has more jagged edges and will adhere together better ones the brine is put on top of it. Supervisor Phil Stier is going to email the county with a few questions before we move forward.

9. New Business:

a. Maintenance and Upgrades to Township Hall

1. Parking Lot:

The parking lot has several sink holes that could cause a hazard. We will be getting a minimum of 3 quotes to see what it would cost to repair the parking lot.

2. Cameras

Supervisor Phil Stier feels that we should look into the cost of putting up 4 cameras inside and 2 to 3 cameras outside incase of vandalism. They are rather inexpensive.

3. Sign
Supervisor Phil Stier will call around to a few different places to get the cost of getting a LED sign to put up on the side of the building so that residents can be more informed.
4. Painting the Office
There are cracks running down the walls that need to be repaired. Trustee Gary Lambrix said that he would call someone for a quote. Supervisor Phil Stier would like a minimum of 3 quotes to have the walls prepped and painted.
5. Treasurer Computer
Treasurer Sheila Lingle's computer is not running properly and work as already begun for summer taxes. Supervisor Phil Stier is going to look into the cost of getting a commercial computer that should last longer than the ones you get at Staples and Wal-Mart. Only problem is that there is currently a waiting list of roughly 6 months.
6. Phone System
Supervisor Phil Stier will look into getting a phone that can handle the 2 lines that we currently have.

b. Cemetery Ordinance:

Motion was made to accept the new cemetery ordinance (2021-1) as proposed by Gary Lambrix, seconded by Sheila Lingle. Motion carried.\

c. Hall Rental:

Trustee Gary Lambrix asked if we were going to start renting out the hall. It was determined that we would wait to begin renting it out and discuss it further at next month's meeting and see what restrictions have been eased.

10. Public Comment:

Ray Steinke asked about the sign. Stating that Aetna's sign cost them somewhere around \$12,000 and was that more than what we should spend as such a small township.

Ray Steinke also had a question about adding more phone lines and did we need to do that. It was explained that we are not adding more phone lines that we are looking into getting a phone that handles the existing phone lines.

Crystal Lane mentioned that there was a deer in the driveway to Deerfield Cemetery. There was some discussion about calling the County Road Commission to remove however they no longer do that. Supervisor Phil Stier stated that he would move the deer.

Sheila Lingle said that she had ordered the flags for the cemetery and that they should be in at the Legion. She would most likely be out this weekend placing the new flags.

11. Announcements and Correspondence:

The Vinning Family sent a nice Thank you card for allowing them to take care of the Quiggly cemetery.

Next meeting will be held on June 10, 2021 at 7:00pm at the Deerfield Township hall.

12. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 7:56pm by Supervisor Phil Stier.