

**Deerfield Township – Mecosta County
Regular Board Meeting
396 Fourth Street
Morley, MI 49336
June 10, 2021 7:00PM**

1. Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Phil Stier at 7:00PM all those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Roll Call:**

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

Also in attendance were Raymond and Jan Steinke, Stan Carey, and Ken Lind.

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:**

Supervisor Phil Stier made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 13, 2021 meeting, seconded by Gary Lambrix. Motion Carried

5. **Treasurer's Report:**

No report Treasurer absent

6. **Approval of Bills and Payroll:**

Supervisor Phil Stier made a motion to approve bills and payroll in the amount of \$7,306.47, seconded by Gary Lambrix. Roll call: Gary Lambrix –yes, Brian Carey II – yes, Phil Stier –yes, Michelle Lewis –yes, Sheila Lingle Absent. Motion carried.

7. **Reports:**

County Commissioner Report per Raymond Steinke: They just recently had their audit and had their first finding in 4 years. They turned down the Sherriff's department leasing vehicles. There is mental health training available for Fire and Rescue from the Federal Government. The court house is now open.

Assessors Report per Wayne Sutherland: Due to the current housing market property values will be going up in the near future. Starting to assess in Deerfield Township will be doing about 20-30 parcels. There have been a lot of splits going on lately with the housing market being high. No word yet on whether we will be audited this year.

Gary Lambrix made a motion to renew the Assessor Contract for 2021 with the same guidelines as the 2020 contract, seconded by Phil Stier. Roll call: Gary Lambrix –yes,

Brian Carey II –yes, Phil Stier –yes, Michelle Lewis –yes, Sheila Lingle –absent. Motion carried.

8. Unfinished Business:

a. Roads:

We will offer to pay \$3.90 for gravel plus the trucking at a rate of 1,500 yards per mile.

b. Parking Lot:

We received quotes from Affordable Blacktop \$18,000, B&E Coating Services \$5,875, and Fenstermacher Asphalt Paving \$9,500. Brian Carey II made a motion to go with Fenstermacher Asphalt Paving to fix the parking lot, seconded by Gary Lambrix. Roll call: Gary Lambrix-yes, Brian Carey II –yes, Phil Stier –yes, Michelle Lewis –yes, Sheila Lingle –absent. Motion Carries

c. Cameras:

We will revisit this at a later date.

d. Sign:

We are still waiting on some bids. Once we have gotten the bids we will discuss this further.

e. Paint Office:

We received 2 bids on repairing the drywall and painting the office. Troy would repair the drywall and paint the office for \$1,850.00. New Image Painting would repair the drywall and paint for \$2,970.50. Gary Lambrix made a motion to go with Troy to paint the office, seconded by Brian Carey II. Roll call: Gary Lambrix –yes, Brian Carey II –no, Phil Stier –no, Michelle Lewis –yes, Sheila Lingle –absent. Motion not passed.

f. Treasurer Computer:

Phil Stier stated he was getting high prices for computers and that he would look at Sheila’s computer to see what repairs could be made.

g. Hall Rental:

The discussion of renting out the hall will be tabled until the State Covid requirements are lifted.

9. New Business:

a. Deputy wages:

Gary Lambrix made a motion to pay the deputies \$12.00 an hour, seconded by Brian Carey II. Roll call: Gary Lambrix –yes, Brian Carey II –yes, Phil Stier –yes, Michelle Lewis –yes, Sheila Lingle –absent.

b. Hitching Post:

It was discussed that the hitching post needs to be repaired. Gary Lambrix said that he would look at it.

c. Fence at Higbee:

A family member had called asking if anything could be done about the north property line at Higbee Cemetery and asked if a privacy fence could be put up. It was determined that it would be too costly to put up a privacy fence.

d. Cemetery mowing payment:

Phil Stier made a motion to pay the \$5,900.00 cemetery contract by July 1, 2021 to get the \$500 reduction in payment, seconded by Gary Lambrix. Roll call: Brian Carey II –yes, Gary Lambrix –yes, Phil Stier –yes, Michelle Lewis –yes, Sheila Lingle –absent. Motion carried.

e. Cemetery driveway:

The middle driveway at Deerfield Cemetery is in need of repair. It was determined that we will get bids to have gravel hauled in to fix it so people aren't catching the undercarriage of their cars on it.

f. Drop Box:

It was determined that the drop box is currently not secured and that we would just remove the bottom of it and place a basket underneath.

g. Moving CD#5135 and CD#8862 to Money Market Account

Phil Stier made a motion to move CD#5135 and CD#8862 to a money market account, seconded by Brian Carey II. Roll call: Gary Lambrix –yes, Brian Carey II –yes, Phil Stier –yes, Michelle Lewis –yes, Sheila Lingle –absent. Motion carried.

10. Public Comment:

- Fire department is need of volunteers and a new air ventilation system.
- Ken Lind EMC insurance representative was in attendance to make recommendations about insurance coverage to replace building, due to lumber costs. He would also like to set up a time to go through the difference between municipality insurance and home and farm insurance. Jan Steinke asked if a new sign were purchased if it would be covered under current insurance.
- Ray Steinke asked if we would pay mileage for training of deputies, and stated he felt we should double the coverage of insurance.

Phil Stier made a motion to raise the blanket property limit by \$100,000, seconded by Gary Lambrix. Roll call: Brian Carey II –yes, Gary Lambrix –yes, Phil Stier –yes, Michelle Lewis –yes, Sheila Lingle –absent.

11. Announcement and Correspondence:

A resident called asking if the township was going to spray for the gypsy moths. Phil gave her an informative website to go to for more information.

12. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm by Supervisor Phil Stier.