

**Deerfield Township – Mecosta County**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**396 Fourth Street**  
**Morley, MI 49336**  
**October 14, 2021 7:00PM**

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by, Supervisor, Phil Stier, 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 Wayne Sutherland, Stan Carey, Ray Steinke, and Jan Steinke.

- 3. Approval of Agenda:**

Phil Stier made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Gary Lambrix. Motion carries.

- 4. Approval of Minutes:**

Sheila Lingle made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2021 regular board meeting, seconded by Gary Lambrix. Motion carries.

- 5. Treasurer's report:**

Brian Carey II made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Gary Lambrix. Roll call: Sheila Lingle – yes, Gary Lambrix – yes, Brian Carey II – yes, Phil Stier – yes, Michelle Lewis – yes, motion carries.

- 6. Approval of bills and payroll:**

Bills paid were Consumers Energy \$106.16, DTE \$34.22, Spectrum Business \$249.46, Xerox Corporation \$25.46, Great Lakes Energy \$11.40, Consumers Energy \$80.74, DTE \$45.92, Lake Michigan CPA \$300.00, Spectrum Business \$249.96, United States Treasury \$721.66, State of Michigan \$373.59, Payroll in the amount of \$3,486.67. Sheila Lingle made a motion to approve the bills and payroll in the amount of \$5,739.50, seconded by Brian Carey II. Roll call: Brian Carey II – yes, Gary Lambrix – yes, Sheila Lingle – yes, Phil Stier – yes, Michelle Lewis – yes.

- 7. Public Comment:**

There was no public comment at this time.

## **8. Reports:**

- A. County Commissioner Report per Ray Steinke:** Things are going great; the court system is looking in the Reed City area for jury duty. They hired a firm to help file their ARPA and could possibly be receiving more money back than originally anticipated.
- B. Assessor Report per Wayne Sutherland:** Field work is completed for the year, still has building permits to do. Equalization had the change percent to roughly 46% . Assessors Association says that will be on the docket for a 2022 AMAR review. They will be having a work day in January that will produce a check list of what will be needed for the review. Home sales seem to becoming down back into a more normal range that we are used to. Waiting to receive ratios back from the county and is going to try to balance early so that more focus can be put on getting things ready for the AMAR review. Computer is approximately 4 years old and is starting to get slow so he would like a new computer. We will be seeing a property tax increase of 3%.

## **9. Old Business:**

Gary Lambrix brought up the windmills; Phil Stier spoke with Michelle at the county and was told that windmills are not a township responsibility and that there is only a 2% interest in bringing them to Mecosta County due to the wind studies. There are also very strict guidelines at Building and zoning that will make it difficult for them to build in Mecosta County.

## **10. New Business:**

### **A. Sign:**

Phil Stier had received a quote from Patton signs to build a sign for the hall for \$550. Brian Carey II, thought that we should obtain at least 2 more quotes as we have required multiple quotes for other things. It was determined that Phil would get more quotes and it would be discussed further when we had those.

### **B. Newsletter:**

Sheila Lingle would like to send out a newsletter again. We can get it done through KCI , the company that currently prints and mails the property taxes, at a rate of \$178.76 for a 2 sided newsletter or we could have them printed on the back of the tax bill for a penny per bill. Discussion that part of the newsletter would get torn off, and would it be the same price to have them printed on the change notice that Wayne Sutherland the Assessor sends out. Phil Stier stated that he would call Chris and get more information. Phil Stier made a motion to do a newsletter up to \$200 through KCI, seconded by Brian Carey II. Roll call: Brian Carey II – yes, Gary Lambrix – yes, Sheila Lingle – yes, Phil Stier – yes, Michelle Lewis – yes.

**C. Trash day:**

Gary Lambrix reported that there were 3 dumpsters and that all 3 were approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  full. Phil Stier stated that we should set a hard date for Spring and Fall and then 1 month before the date we should get quotes for dumpster rental. Sheila Lingle made a motion that trash days would be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in April and the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in October, seconded by Gary Lambrix. Motion carries.

**D. Ad for snowplowing of the hall and cemeteries:**

Brian Carey II made a motion that we would put an ad in the Pioneer for the plowing of the hall parking lot, seconded by Michelle Lewis. Motion carries.

11. Meeting adjourned at 7:46pm by Supervisor Phil Stier.