

Deerfield Township – Mecosta County
Regular Board Meeting
396 Fourth Street
Morley, MI 49336
December 9, 2021 7:00PM

1. Meeting called to order @ 7:00pm by 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 Ray and Han Steinke, Crystal Lane, Elizabeth Karel, Hinton Township Supervisor Carl Thompson, and Wayne Sutherland.

3. **Approval of Agenda:**

Phil Stier made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of 10A Community Correspondence, seconded by Brian Carey II. Motion Carries.

4. **Approval of the Minutes:**

Gary Lambrix made a motion to approve the November 11, 2021 Regular Board Meeting minutes, seconded by Brian Carey II. Motion Carries.

5. **Treasurer Report:**

Treasurer, Sheila Lingle reported the Tax Account balance \$4,898.87, General Fund balance of \$181,036.66, and a Money Market Balance of \$159,982.44. Sheila also reported on the addition of the new municipal account for the ARPA funding with a balance of \$71,316.00 for total assets of \$417,233.97.

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

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

Bills paid were Xerox Corporation \$25.46, Joan Walter \$300.00, Visa \$555.50, EMC insurance \$64.00, Sheila Lingle \$17.92, Consumers \$84.75, DTE \$68.55, Great Lakes Energy \$11.48, Morley Area Fire Department \$5,666.66, United States Treasury \$721.62 and payroll in the amount of \$3,464.75. Gary Lambrix made a motion to approve bills and payroll, seconded by Sheila Lingle. Roll call: Brian Carey II – yes, Sheila Lingle – yes, Gary Lambrix – 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 good 1.3 million deficits which is about normal. EMS has an old patrol car that can be used for various things. Some of the Dr's will be going to homes to give vaccinations.
- B. Assessor Report per Wayne Sutherland Agriculture and Commercial report ratios came in from the county. Agriculture is about 46% Commercial is about 46% won't be to hard to make necessary adjustments. Board of Review will be meeting next Tuesday. Then will start on building permits and balance roll. Trying to get everything in as soon as possible.
- C. Fire Department report Gary Lambrix reported that Fire Chief Dan Deyo had passed away and there was a temporary chief appointed until January when one will be voted in. They will be asking for a new exhaust fan for the fire department.

9. Old Business:

A. Community Correspondence:

- Thank you card from the Dan Deyo family.
- Letter from the Community Center updating about accomplishments and asking about possible funding.

10. New Business:

A. Poverty Exemption

Each township needs to adopt an asset test per AMAR guidelines. Asset standards determine what they have and the household income. What the board adopts for a maximum value of assets allowed is what the Board of Review has to follow. It was determined that a resolution needed to be drafted and a special meeting held to adopt the Poverty Exemption Asset test.

Phil Stier made a motion to have a Special Meeting Monday December 13, 2021 at 7:00PM to discuss further Resolution 2021-3, seconded by Brian Carey II. Motion Carries.

Michelle Lewis made a motion to adopt Resolutions 2021-2 to waive penalties for non-filing of Property Transfer Affidavits under MCL 211.27b seconded by Phil Stier. Roll call: Brian Carey II – yes, Sheila Lingle – yes, Gary Lambrix – yes, Phil Stier – yes, Michelle Lewis – yes.

11. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.