

**Deerfield Township – Mecosta County  
Regular Board Meeting  
396 E. Fourth Street  
Morley, MI 49336  
March 10, 2022      7:00PM**

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM 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 Assessor, Wayne Sutherland and Ray Steinke.

**3. Approval of Agenda:**

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

**4. Approval of Minutes:**

Brian Carey II made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the February 10, 2022 Regular Board Meeting, seconded by Sheila Lingle. Motion Carries.

**5. Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer, Sheila Lingle reported that she did not have a balance for the tax account as she had just written several disbursement checks. The account balances the end of February were as follows: ARPA had a balance of \$67,518.92, the General fund had a balance of \$194,648.46, the money market account had a balance of \$160,002.16 for a total of \$422,169.54. Brian Carey II made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Gary Lambrix. Roll call: Brian Carey II – yes, Sheila Lingle – yes, Gary Lambrix – yes, Phil Stier – yes, Michelle Lewis – yes.

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

Bills paid were Consumers Energy \$99.81, DTE energy \$190.69, Election Source \$615.00, Morley Area Fire Department \$300.00, Great Lakes Energy \$11.73, Sehi Computer \$2,400.00, The Pioneer Group \$65.15, Xerox Corporation \$25.46, Lake Michigan CPA \$100.00, Mecosta County Equalization \$465.40, Visa \$125.50, United States treasury \$1,462.28, Payroll in the amount of \$3,471.76. Phil Stier made a motion to approve bills and payroll, seconded by Gary Lambrix. Roll call: Gary Lambrix – yes, Phil Stier – yes, Sheila Lingle – yes, Brian Carey II – yes, Michelle Lewis – yes.

**7. Public Comment:**

Village representative Serine Petersen stated that the Village is applying for a grant for new playground equipment, it is a matching grant of \$10,000 the village is matching \$10,000 as well and they were wondering if Deerfield Township would be interested in matching \$10,000 as well for the new playground equipment at the park.

Ray Steinke – asked if we had considered switching to the local bank, he stated the one in Lakeview just donated to the fire department in Lakeview. We should consider supporting local.

**8. Reports:**

A. County Commissioner report per Ray Steinke, The Gypsy moth is now the spongy moth. There is an informational meeting on August 30, 2022 at 6:30PM at the Eagles Lodge 2535, 18361 16 Mile Rd, Big Rapids, MI 49307.

B. Assessor Report per Wayne Sutherland, He has balanced and Board of Review meetings will be this Tuesday March 15<sup>th</sup> and this Wednesday March 16<sup>th</sup>.

**9. Old Business:**

A. Appliances have been delivered and are working nicely.

B. New laptops have been delivered. Michelle is using hers, we will wait to do Wayne and Sheila's until after Board of Review and tax season.

**10. New Business:**

**A. Meeting Dates and Times**

Sheila Lingle made a motion to set the meeting dates for the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM effective April 13<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Brian Carey II. Roll call: Brian Carey II – yes, Gary Lambrix – yes, Phil Stier – yes, Sheila Lingle – yes, Michelle Lewis – yes.

**B. Walt Erickson**

Gary Lambrix made a motion to contract library services for the community with the Walt Erickson Public Library in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the year, seconded by Sheila Lingle. Roll call: Brian Carey II – yes, Gary Lambrix – yes, Sheila Lingle – yes, Phil Stier – yes, Michelle Lewis – yes.

**C. Hall Rental Fee & Contract**

Gary Lambrix made a motion to approve the hall contract with a new deposit of \$100 and \$50 rental fee, the capacity being 80 people, and begin renting it out as soon as some of the improvements have been made to the hall, seconded by Brian Carey II. Roll call: Brian Carey II – yes, Gary Lambrix – yes, Sheila Lingle – yes, Phil Stier – yes, Michelle Lewis – yes.

**D. Programmable Lock for the hall**

Gary Lambrix made a motion for Phil to purchase a programmable lock not to exceed \$200 for the door to the Township hall so we would no longer need to pay someone to unlock the door for each rental, seconded by Brian Carey II. Roll call: Brian Carey II – yes, Phil Stier – yes, Gary Lambrix – yes, Sheila Lingle – yes, Michelle Lewis – yes.

**E. Surveillance system**

Phil Stier made a motion to purchase a surveillance system for the interior and exterior of the building not to exceed \$1,200.00, seconded by Gary Lambrix. Roll call: Gary Lambrix – yes, Phil Stier – yes, Michelle Lewis – yes, Sheila Lingle – yes, Brian Carey II – no.

**F. Mileage rate**

Gary Lambrix made a motion that we pay the federal mileage rate of 58.5 cents a mile, seconded by Brian Carey II. Roll call: Brian Carey II – yes, Gary Lambrix – yes, Sheila Lingle – yes, Phil Stier – yes, Michelle Lewis –yes.

**G. Resolution 2022-1 To pay bills between meetings**

Brian Carey II made a motion to approve Resolutions 2022-1, seconded by Gary Lambrix. Roll call: Brian Carey – yes, Gary Lambrix – yes, Sheila Lingle – yes, Phil Stier – yes, Michelle Lewis – yes.

**H. Assessor Policy Statement**

Michelle Lewis made a motion to approve the assessor's policy statement, seconded by Brian Carey II. Motion Carries.

**I. Resolution 2022-2 Poverty Tax Exemption**

Michelle Lewis made a motion to approve the poverty tax exemption using the Federal Poverty Guidelines, seconded by Sheila Lingle. Roll call: Brian Carey II – yes, Gary Lambrix – yes, Phil Stier – yes, Sheila Lingle – yes, Michelle Lewis – yes.

**J. Resolution 2022-3 Resolution to set alternate date for March Board of Review**

Gary Lambrix made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-3, seconded by Brian Carey II. Roll call: Brian Carey II – yes, Gary Lambrix – yes, Phil Stier – yes, Sheila Lingle – yes, Michelle Lewis – yes.

**K. Resolution 2022-4 PRE Denial**

Gary Lambrix made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-4, seconded by Brian Carey II. Roll call: Brian Carey II – yes, Gary Lambrix – yes, Phil Stier – yes, Sheila Lingle – yes, Michelle Lewis –yes.

**L. Resolution 2022-5 To allow resident to appeal in writing**

Brian Carey II made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-5, seconded by Gary Lambrix. Roll call: Brian Carey II – yes, Gary Lambrix – yes, Sheila Lingle - yes, Phil Stier – yes, Michelle Lewis – yes.

**M. Board of Review Compensation**

Phil made a motion to pay the Board of Review after each month their services were provided, at a rate of \$51.50 for half days and \$103 for full days. For attending classes the rate of pay would be \$40 per Diem up to 4 hours and \$80 for anything over 4 hours with mileage being paid only for educational purposes, seconded by Gary Lambrix. Roll call: Brian Carey II – yes, Gary Lambrix – yes, Sheila Lingle – yes, Phil Stier – yes, Michelle Lewis – yes.

**N. BS&A Public records**

Brian made a motion to table until we have more information, seconded by Sheila Lingle. Motion carries.

**O. New Pumper truck**

The board will entertain the idea of the fire department shopping for a replacement tanker tender for the fire department cost to be shared with Aetna Township.

**P. Gary Lambrix made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25PM, seconded by Sheila Lingle. Meeting Adjourned**