

Deerfield Township – Mecosta County
Regular Board Meeting
396 E. Fourth Street
Morley, MI 493369
February 8, 2023 6:30PM

1. Meeting called to order at 6:30PM by Supervisor, Phil Stier, all those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Roll call:**
Supervisor, Phil Stier – here
Treasurer, Sheila Lingle – here
Clerk, Michelle Lewis – here
Trustee, Brian Carey II – here
Trustee, Gary Lambrix – absent
3. **Approval of Agenda:**
Phil Stier made a motion to approve the agenda with the removal of E2, seconded by Brian Carey II. Motion carried.
4. **Budget Workshop:**
The board as a whole discussed the 2023/2024 budget.
5. **Approval of Minutes:**
Brian Carey II made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the January 11, 2023 Regular Board Meeting, seconded by Sheila Lingle. Motion Carries.
6. **Treasurer's Report:**
Phil Stier made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Brian Carey II. Motion carried.
7. **Bills & Payroll:**
Phil Stier made a motion to approve post audit bills in the amount of \$13,837.31, and to pay bills not covered by the post audit in the amount of \$945.97, seconded by Sheila Lingle. Roll call: Brian Carey II – yes, Sheila Lingle – yes, Phil Stier – yes, Michelle Lewis – yes, Gary Lambrix – absent.
8. **Reports:**
 - A. **County Commissioner Report per Ray Steinke**, the narcan vending machine will be going in Big Rapids. It will be similar to a vending machine at no cost. The security at the Court house is going well. Michelle Stenger has resigned as building and zoning administrator, as well as Aaron

Holsworth resigning as the building official. They will starting a new hire process to get those positions filled.

- B. Assessor report:** Assessor Wayne Sutherland was not able to attend the meeting but sent an emailed report. Deerfield's roll is now balanced and ready to send out change notices. The March Board of Review dates and times will be posted in the paper. Reminder about the upcoming Board of Review trainings. One will be February 9, 2023 at the Morley Community Center and on will be on February 11, 2023 at Chippewa Hills High School.

9. Public Comments:

There were no public comments at this time.

10. Old Business:

A. Budget Alterations:

Phil Stier made a motion to move money from roads to building and grounds, cemetery, elections, Government functions, Board of Review, Treasurer, Clerk, Assessor, and Fire to balance all funds, seconded by Brian Carey II. Roll call: Brian Carey II – yes, Sheila Lingle – yes, Phil Stier – yes, Michelle Lewis – yes, Gary Lambrix – absent.

B. Rental Agreement:

Hall rental agreement was presented with previously discussed changes. Brian Carey II made a motion to accept the rental agreement with the changes made, seconded by Sheila Lingle. Motion carried.

C. Resolution 2023-3:

Michelle Lewis made a motion to approve resolution 2023-3 mileage reimbursement, seconded by Brain Carey II. Roll call: Brian Carey II – yes, Sheila Lingle – yes, Phil Stier – yes, Michelle Lewis – yes, Gary Lambrix – absent.

11. Old Business:

A. Vining Volunteers:

They are a family operated organization, they currently have been cleaning up Quigley cemetery, have adopted a section of Northland between 4-7 Mile that they clean, do a sock drive to donate socks to Our Brother's Keeper homeless shelter in Big Rapids, walk-a-thon to raise money for veterans, they have put on suppers in Grand Rapids at the Renucci House for families, and do Muskegon River Clean – up. They talked about their plans going forward for the Quigley Cemetery.

B. Household Hazard Waste:

Brian Carey II made a motion to contract for \$600 with the household hazardous waste disposal program, seconded by Phil Stier. Motion carries.

C. Franchise Request from Great Lakes Energy:

Tabled to gather further information.

D. MTA Convention:

The cost of the MTA convention was discussed. Michelle Lewis asked about a Now you Know class from MTA.

Sheila Lingle made a motion to pay the \$25 for the Now you Know class, seconded by Brian Carey II. Motion carries.

E. Roads:

1. Brine:

Sheila Lingle made a motion to pay for 3 brines from the Mecosta County Road Commission, seconded by Brian Carey II. Roll call: Brian Carey II – yes, Sheila Lingle – yes, Phil Stier – yes, Michelle Lewis – yes, Gary Lambrix – absent.

12. Phil Stier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:49PM, seconded by Brian Carey II.