

Deerfield Township – Mecosta County
Regular Board Meeting
396 E. Fourth Street
Morley, MI 49336
January 11, 2023 7:00 PM

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM 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 – here

Also in attendance Ray Steinke and Wayne Sutherland.

3. Approval of Agenda:

Gary Lambrix made a motion to accept the agenda as presented, Brian Carey II asked to amend the agenda. Gary Lambrix rescinded his motion. Motion failed. Brian Carey II made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of J. Brian's Class, seconded by Gary Lambrix. Motion carries.

4. Approval of Minutes:

Brian Carey II made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Sheila Lingle. Motion carries.

5. Treasurer's Report:

Phil Stier made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Gary Lambrix. Motion carries.

6. Approval of Bills and Payroll:

Brian Carey II made a motion to approve the post audit bills and payroll in the amount of \$6,549.44 and to pay non post audit bills in the amount of \$1,392.50, seconded by Phil Stier. Roll call: Gary Lambrix – yes, Brian Carey II – yes, Sheila Lingle – yes, Phil Stier – yes, Michelle Lewis – yes.

7. Reports:

- A. County commissioner report per Ray Steinke**, the new private security company for the court house is working out well. The new chairperson for the Board of Commissioners is Jerrilynn Strong. Phil Stier asked if the Townships we would still be able to use the \$62,500 the commissioners approved last year for roads. The answer is yes.
- B. Assessor report per Wayne Sutherland**, we had 40 new building permits, wanted to let us know about the Board of Review training dates one will be February 9th at the Morley Community Center from 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm, and one on February 11th at the Chippewa Hills High school from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Balanced Agriculture and Residential, is still working on commercial. March 7th from 7:00 pm -9:00 pm will be an organizational meeting for Board of Review and Board of Review will meet March 14th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and March 15th from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

8. Public Comments:

There were no public comments at this time.

9. Old Business:

A. Internal Controls:

1. Resolution 2023-1 ACH Transactions
Sheila Lingle made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-1 ACH Transactions, seconded by Brian Carey II. Roll call: Gary Lambrix – yes, Brian Carey II – yes, Sheila Lingle – yes, Phil Stier – yes, Michelle Lewis – yes.

10. New Business:

A. Vent in Bathroom Door:

Sheila Lingle made a motion to put a grate in the bathroom door and trim the bottom of the door so it doesn't scrape the floor with the cost to not exceed \$25.00, seconded by Brian Carey II. Gary Lambrix – yes, Brian Carey II –yes, Sheila Lingle – yes, Phil Stier - yes, Michelle Lewis – yes.

B. Proposed Budget 2023-2024:

Proposed budget was handed out for everyone to review.

C. Budget Amendments:

Gary Lambrix made a motion to table the discussion, seconded by Phil Stier. Motion carries.

D. Schedule Budget Meeting:

A budget workshop was scheduled for February 8th at 6:30 pm and the Budget hearing will be March 8th at 6:30 pm.

E. Publication of Budget hearing:

Gary Lambrix made a motion to pay up to \$100 for publication of the budget hearing in the Pioneer paper, seconded by Brian Carey II. Roll call: Brian Carey II – yes, Gary Lambrix – yes, Sheila Lingle – yes, Phil Stier – yes, Michelle Lewis – yes.

F. Hall cancelation based on weather:

Phil Stier made a motion that we table this discussion, seconded by Gary Lambrix. Motion carried.

G. Mileage Rate:

Brian Carey II made a motion to change the mileage rate to the new IRS rate of 65.5 cents per mile, seconded by Gary Lambrix. Motion carries.

H. Trash Day:

Gary Lambrix made a motion to hold trash day the 3rd Saturday in April and the 1st Saturday in October, seconded by Brian Carey II. Motion carries.

I. Office Cleaning:

Gary Lambrix made a motion to have Emilee Cornell clean the hall and office every other week at a rate of \$50 per cleaning, seconded by Brian Carey II. Motion carries.

J. Brian Carey II class:

Brian Carey II apologized for missing the class due to being ill.

K. Brian Carey II made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm, seconded by Sheila Lingle. Motion carries.