

Deerfield Township – Mecosta County
Regular Board Meeting
396 E Fourth St
Morley, MI 49336
April 12, 2023 7:00 PM

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 Ken Lind (EMC Insurance), Ray Steinke, Gene Lawler in later.
3. **Approval of Agenda:**
Sheila Lingle made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Gary Lambrix. Motion carries.
4. **Approval of Budget Hearing Minutes:**
Brian Carey II made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2023 budget meeting, seconded by Sheila Lingle. Motion carries.
5. **Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes:**
Sheila Lingle made a motion to approve the March 8, 2023 minutes with a change to the dollar amount of the Treasurer's class from \$150 to \$75, seconded by Phil Stier. Motion carries.
6. **Treasurer's Report:**
Michelle Lewis made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Brian Carey II. Motion carries.
7. **Approval of Bills and Payroll:**
Phil Stier made a motion to approve the post –audit bills in the amount of \$10,038.97 and to pay the non-post – audit bills in the amount of \$725.48, seconded by Brian Carey II. Roll call: Brian Carey II – yes, Gary Lambrix – yes, Sheila Lingle – yes, Phil Stier – yes, Michelle Lewis – yes. Motion carries.
8. **Reports:**

- A. **County Commissioner report per Ray Steinke:** Private security working out well at the court house. New building and zoning officials are working out well.
- B. **Assessor report per Wayne Sutherland:** Wayne unable to attend sent report with Supervisor Phil Stier, nothing new to report. Everything went well at the County.

9. Public Comments:

There are no public comments at this time.

10. Old Business:

A. Library Contract:

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

11. New Business:

A. ARPA Report:

A copy of the ARPA bank account was handed out to all Board members. Discussion about what to do with remaining funds. No decision made.

B. Schedule 2023/2024 Meeting dates:

Phil Stier made a motion to hold Regular Board Meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of each month for the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year, seconded by Brian Carey II. Motion carries.

C. Quigley Cemetery:

Phil Stier made a motion that Deerfield Township adheres to the Care of Cemeteries Act 113 of 1915 for Quigley cemetery, seconded by Gary Lambrix. Motion carries.

D. Mowing Bid:

Gary Lambrix made a motion to approve the mowing bid from Cross Country Lawn care, seconded by Brian Carey II. Roll call: Brian Carey II – yes, Gary Lambrix – yes, Sheila Lingle – yes, Phil Stier – yes, Michelle Lewis – yes. Motion carries.

E. Cemetery Management Class:

Phil Stier made a motion to allow Michelle Lewis to attend the cemetery management class for \$100, seconded by Sheila Lingle. Roll call: Brian Carey II – yes, Gary Lambrix – yes, Sheila Lingle – yes, Phil Stier – yes, Michelle Lewis – yes. Motion carries.

F. Offices:

Gary Lambrix made a motion to use ARPA funds and Radle Custom Carpentry to build offices, seconded by Brian Carey II. Roll call: Gary Lambrix

– yes, Brian Carey II – yes, Sheila Lingle – yes, Phil Stier – yes, Michelle Lewis – yes. Motion carries.

G. Cameras:

Gary Lambrix made a motion to use ARPA funds and Blan Tech LLC to install security cameras, seconded by Sheila Lingle. Roll call: Gary Lambrix – yes, Brian Carey – no, Phil Stier – yes, Sheila Lingle – yes, Michelle Lewis – yes. Motion carries.

H. Attorney for Fire Department Questions:

Brian Carey II made a motion to split the cost of Attorney fees with Aetna Township & the Village of Morley, seconded by Michelle Lewis. Roll call: Brian Carey II – yes, Gary Lambrix – yes, Sheila Lingle – yes, Phil Stier – yes, Michelle Lewis – yes. Motion carries.

I. Roads:

Discussion on 155th

J. Fire Department:

Fire Chief, Gene Lawler introduced the new treasurer Tiffany Robinson to the board. There is a possibility of getting a 06 Chassis with pump from Morton Township for \$30,000.00. Spaghetti dinner fundraiser coming up May 6th from 5:00PM – 7:00PM.

12. Next meeting will be held May 10, 2023 at 7:00PM.

13. Brian Carey II made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sheila Lingle time is 8:32PM. Motion carries.