

**Deerfield Township – Mecosta County
Regular Board Meeting
396 E Fourth St
Morley, MI 49336
March 8, 2023 7:00PM**

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 were Gene Lawler, Ray Steinke, and Wayne Sutherland.

3. Approval of Agenda:

Phil Stier made a motion to approve the agenda with the removal of 11. J. Road Projects, seconded by Gary Lambrix. Motion carries.

4. Approval of Minutes:

Brian Carey II made a motion to approve the February 8, 2023 Regular board meeting minutes, seconded by Sheila Lingle. Motion carries.

5. Approval of Treasurer's report:

Gary Lambrix made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Brian Carey II. Motion carries.

6. Approval of Bills and Payroll:

Brian Carey II made a motion to approve the post – audit bills in the amount of \$1,568.76 and to pay bills not covered by the post – audit policy in the amount of \$6,372.77, seconded by Sheila Lingle. 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, new building official Mark Moss, new building and zoning administrator Annette Cole. A study over the next few months to determine where to spend the \$881,000.00 in Marijuana funding should be distributed.

B. Assessor report per Wayne Sutherland, everything is ready for Board of Review Tuesday and Wednesday. Taxes went up 5% due to inflation. Others may see more depending on other factors.

C. Ken Lind, was not present however the board received a letter from EMC about the renewal and that it would be \$4,276.00.

Brian Carey II made a motion to approve the EMC renewal in the amount of \$4,276.00, seconded by Phil Stier. Roll call: Gary Lambrix – yes, Brian Carey II – yes, Sheila Lingle – yes, Phil Stier – yes, Michelle Lewis – yes. Motion carries.

8. Public Comment:

- Chief Lawler inquired what the population was in Deerfield Township.

9. Old Business:

None

10. New Business:

A. Celebration on the Pond:

Gary Lambrix to discuss with Dana Meyers possibly seeking private contract.

B. Resolution 2023 – 6:

Gary Lambrix made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023 – 6, seconded by Sheila Lingle. Roll call: Gary Lambrix – yes, Brian Carey II – yes, Sheila Lingle – yes, Michelle Lewis – yes, Phil Stier – yes.

C. Library Contract:

Tabled pending written contract.

D. Fire Contract:

Brian Carey II made a motion to approve the fire contract, seconded by Michelle Lewis. Roll call: Gary Lambrix – abstain, Brian Carey II – yes, Sheila Lingle – yes, Phil Stier – yes, Michelle Lewis – yes.

E. Sheila Treasurer Class:

Gary Lambrix made a motion to approve treasurer class in the amount of \$150 \$75, seconded by Brian Carey II. Roll call: Gary Lambrix – yes, Brian Carey II – yes, Sheila Lingle – abstain, Phil Stier – yes, Michelle Lewis – yes.

F. File cabinets for Assessor office:

Tabled pending more information about Ferris State University sale in the spring.

G. Resolution 2023-4:

Gary Lambrix made a motion to accept Resolution 2023-4, seconded by Sheila Lingle. Roll call: Gary Lambrix – yes, Brian Carey II – yes, Sheila Lingle – yes, Phil Stier – yes, Michelle Lewis – yes.

H. Resolution 2023-5:

Brian Carey II made a motion to accept Resolution 2023-5, seconded by Sheila Lingle. Roll call: Gary Lambrix – yes, Brian Carey II – yes, Sheila Lingle – yes, Michelle Lewis – yes, Phil Stier – yes.

I. Purchase Air tank for Fire department:

Brian Carey II made a motion to pay up to \$4,200 for a refill tank for the Fire department, seconded by Sheila Lingle. Roll call: Gary Lambrix – abstain, Brian Carey II – yes, Sheila Lingle – yes, Phil Stier – yes, Michelle Lewis – yes.

11. Next meeting April 12, 2023 7:00PM.

12. Gary Lambrix made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:19PM, seconded by Brian Carey II. Motion carries.