

Deerfield Township – Mecosta County
396 E Fourth Street
Morley, MI 49336
June 14, 2023 7:00PM

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Supervisor, Phil Stier. 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; Ray Steinke, Gene Lawler, Tiffany.

3. **Approval of Agenda:**
Phil Stier made a motion to approve the Agenda with the removal of 11E as presented, seconded by Gary Lambrix. Motion carries.

4. **Approval of Minutes:**
Brian Carey II made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 10, 2023 regular Board meeting, seconded by Sheila Lingle. Motion carries.

5. **Treasurer's Report:**
Treasurer, Sheila Lingle reported that she will be moving money from the Tax account to a CD. She is working on getting taxes ready to mail out July 1st.
Michelle Lewis made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded by Phil Stier. Motion carries.

6. Sheila Lingle made a motion to approve the post audit bills in the amount of \$19,298.78 and the non-post audit bills in the amount of \$0, seconded by Gary Lambrix. Roll call: Brian Carey II - yes, Gary Lambrix - yes, Michelle Lewis - yes, Sheila Lingle - yes, Phil Stier - yes. Motion carries.

7. **Reports:**
 - A. **County Commissioner report per Ray Steinke:** Over \$800,000.00 in funds from the marijuana tax, and over \$2,000,000.00 in requests the Board will be

having meetings to narrow down the selections. They recently had their yearly audit and there were no findings in the audit.

B. Assessor report per Wayne Sutherland: Things are caught up and he will be starting field work in the village.

C. Fire Department: So far there have been 41 Fires year to date, 25 have been since the start of the 22/23 Fiscal year in April. There have been 91 Rescue calls year to date, 48 have been since the start of the fiscal year. So far there have been no more issues with engine 43.

8. Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

9. Old Business:

No old business at this time.

10. New Business:

A. Assessor Contract:

Sheila Lingle made a motion to approve the 2023/2024 Assessor contract with changes, and the Assessor Statement of Policy seconded by Brian Carey II. Roll call: Gary Lambrix – yes, Michelle Lewis – yes, Sheila Lingle – yes, Phil Stier – yes, Brian Carey II – yes. Motion carries.

B. Higbee Cemetery:

Gary Lambrix made a motion to buy back 2 burial spaces at a cost of \$25 each, seconded by Phil Stier. Roll call: Michelle Lewis – yes, Sheila Lingle – no, Phil Stier – yes, Brian Carey – no, Gary Lambrix – yes. Motion carries.

C. Brine for Celebration on the Pond:

Discussion was had.

D. Non-statutory duties:

Discussion was had about statutory duties and non-statutory duties.

Gary Lambrix made a motion to pay non-statutory duties for board members, \$12 an hour to process FOIA requests, \$12 per hall rental, and \$75.00 for handling the purchasing and placing of flags on the veteran graves, seconded by Brian Carey II. Roll call: Sheila Lingle – yes, Phil Stier – yes, Brian Carey II – yes, Gary Lambrix – yes, Michelle Lewis – abstain.

11. Next meeting July 12, 2023 at 7:00PM.

12. Adjourn:

Michelle Lewis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:14PM, seconded by Sheila Lingle. Motion carries.