

**Deerfield Township – Mecosta County  
Regular Board Meeting  
396 E. Fourth Street  
Morley, MI 49336  
September 13, 2023 7:00PM**

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Supervisor, Phil Stier.

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 and Wayne Sutherland

3. Approval of Agenda:

Gary Lambrix made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Sheila Lingle. Motion carries.

4. Approval of Minutes:

Brian Carey II made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 9, 2023 Regular board meeting, seconded by Gary Lambrix. Motion carries.

5. Treasurer Report:

Michelle Lewis made a motion to approve the Treasurer 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 bills and payroll as presented, seconded by Phil Stier. 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 Raymond Steinke:

Things are going well. Some adjustments needed to be made to the Police department budget. Narcan station open at the services building.

B. Fire Department:

Chief Lawler reported 4 fire runs total for the month of August.

A total of 26 Rescue runs for the month of August.

They have 4 people they will be sending to Fire training on Electrical vehicles.

C. Assessor report per Wayne Sutherland:

Assessor Wayne Sutherland reported on the new PA 660 review that the state has changed to instead of doing the AMAR. Mecosta County will be on the review schedule for 2027.

D. Clerk report:

Discussion about the 9 days of early voting and if it should be done here at the Township hall or if we should consolidate with other Townships.

8. Public Comment:

There was no public comment at this time.

9. Old Business:

A. Cemetery Ordinance

There was some discussion about the cemetery ordinance. Phil Stier made a motion to table this, seconded by Brian Carey II. Motion carries.

10. New Business:

A. Budget Alteration: Phil Stier made a motion to make a budget alteration on a couple line items, seconded by Gary Lambrix. \$3,000 from 101-801 Audit to 101-750 Township Expense and \$300 from 276-957 Cemetery Miscellaneous to 276-956 Cemetery Operating. Roll call: Gary Lambrix - yes, Michelle Lewis - yes, Sheila Lingle - yes, Phil Stier - yes, Brian Carey II - yes. Motion carries.

B. Weeding of flower beds:

Gary Lambrix made a motion to have Sarah Salisbury to weed the flower beds around the hall, seconded by Sheila Lingle. Roll call: Michelle Lewis - yes, Sheila Lingle - yes, Phil Stier - yes, Brian Carey II - yes, Gary Lambrix - yes. Motion carries.

C. Survey of Cemeteries: Gary Lambrix made a motion to use ARPA fund to have Rustford, Deerfield, and Higbee cemeteries surveyed with the corners staked and drawings. Roll call: Sheila Lingle - yes, Phil Stier - yes, Brian Carey II - yes, Gary Lambrix - yes, Michelle Lewis - yes. Motion carries.

D. Carpet:

Gary Lambrix made a motion to use ARPA funds up to \$10,000 to install carpet in the hall and office area, seconded by Sheila Lingle.

Discussion to get a few more quotes.

Roll call: Phil Stier - yes, Brian Carey II - no, Gary Lambrix - yes, Michelle Lewis - yes, Sheila Lingle - yes. Motion carries.

11. Next meeting will be held October 11, 2023 at 7:00PM.

12. Michelle Lewis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:39PM, seconded by Phil Stier. Motion carries.