

**Deerfield Township – Mecosta County**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**396 4<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Morley, MI 49336**  
**December 13, 2023 7:00PM**

1. Meeting called to order by Supervisor, Phil Stier at 7:00PM. 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: Ray Steinke, Gene Lawler, Mike Salisbury, Wayne Sutherland, Dan Mitchell.
  
3. **Approval of Agenda:**  
Brian Carey II made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Sheila Lingle. Motion carries.
  
4. **Approval of Minutes:**  
Gary Lambrix made a motion to approve the November 8, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Sheila Lingle. Motion carries.
  
5. **Treasurer’s Report:**  
Michelle Lewis made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report as presented, seconded by Brian Carey II. Motion carries.
  
6. **Approval of Bills and Payroll:**  
Phil Stier made a motion to approve bills and payroll for \$22,036.00, 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.
  
7. **Reports:**
  - A. **County Commissioner report per Ray Steinke:** New Emergency Manager Patrick Maddox.
  - B. **Assessor Report per Wayne Sutherland:** December BOR was yesterday. State changed the PRE/Veteran Exemptions to no longer being handled through BOR to being the responsibility of the Assessor to handle. Will be starting new construction.

C. **Fire report per Chief Lawler:** SCBA testing will be coming up. The back people door is getting to be in rough shape, and also lights in the building. A total of 7 Fire runs for the month of November. 1 in Deerfield township, 2 in Aetna township, 3 in the Village of Morley, and 1 in Newaygo. A total of 15 Rescue runs for the month of November. 6 in Deerfield township, 4 in Aetna township, and 2 in the Village of Morley. Both Engine 43 and 44 passed the pump test although a few other issues were noted with the trucks during the testing.

8. **Public Comment:**

No public comment at this time.

9. **Old Business:**

A. **Higbee Cemetery:**

Updated the board about where things are currently sitting. Hoping to have things wrapped up by the January meeting.

10. **New Business:**

A. **Brine:**

Gary Lambrix made a motion to approve brine for 3 applications, seconded by Brian Carey II. Roll call: Brian Carey II – yes, Sheila Lingle – yes, Michelle Lewis – yes, Phil Stier – yes, Gary Lambrix – yes. Motion carries.

B. **Snow Plowing bid:**

Brian Carey II made a motion to accept the snow plowing bid from Jack Trampler, seconded by Phil Stier. Roll call: Sheila Lingle – yes, Michelle Lewis – yes, Phil Stier – yes, Gary Lambrix – yes, Brian Carey II – yes. Motion carries.

C. **Fire Grant Update:**

Updated everyone that the treasury was emailed for an update on the status of the refund grant. Refund should be coming in around 6 weeks.

11. Next meeting January 10, 2024.

12. **Adjourn:**

Brian Carey II made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48PM, seconded by Gary Lambrix. Motion carries.