

**Deerfield Township – Mecosta County**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**396 4<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Morley, MI 49336**  
**February 14, 2024     7:00PM**

1. Meeting called to order by Supervisor, Phil Stier at 7:00 PM, all those in attendance stood and 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, Jim Lewis, and Mike Salisbury.

**3. Approval of Agenda:**

Gary Lambrix made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Brian Carey II. Motion carries.

**4. Approval of Minutes:**

Sheila Lingle made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Brian Carey II. Motion carries.

**5. Treasurer's Report:**

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

**6. Approval of Bills and Payroll:**

Sheila Lingle made a motion to pay bills and payroll in the amount of \$29,371.76, seconded by Phil Stier. 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**, Sherriff's department will be adding another road patrol officer in May or June. They are still short on jail staff. They are working on funding to be able to have MOTA do non-emergency transports. EGLE has given the county 2 years to come up with a recycling program.

B. **Assessor Report per Wayne Sutherland**, not in attendance, but sent a report. Roll has been turned in and the change notices will be going out.

Board of review will be March 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>. There will be a 5% increase on property taxes again this year due to the inflation rate.

**C. Fire Report per Chief Lawler,** Morton Township has received their new truck we are waiting for them to finish up their swap so that we can get the chassis from them for \$30,000 and get the tanker swapped over. The month of January had a total of 5 fire runs; 1 in Deerfield Township, 3 in Aetna Township, and 1 in Newaygo that was canceled before they got there. The month of January had a total of 20 rescue calls; 10 in Aetna Township, 4 in Deerfield and 1 in Hinton.

**8. Public Comment:**

There was no public comment at this time.

**9. Public Hearing:**

**A. Budget Review:**

The budget was handed out to all of those in attendance and gone over.

**B. Public Comment:**

There was no public comment at this time.

**10. Old Business:**

**11. New Business:**

**A. State Wide Mutual Aide:**

This is something all the Fire Chiefs in the county are getting involved in. This would send aid in case of a catastrophic event. The 1<sup>st</sup> 8 hours are paid but anything over that 8 hours would be billed. The Emergency medical manager would make the call as to whether or not there was a need for the additional aid.

**B. Poverty Exemption:**

Sheila Lingle made a motion to accept Resolution 2024-1, seconded by Brian Carey II. Motion carries.

**C. Wage Resolutions:**

Sheila Lingle made a motion to approve the wage resolution for the office of Supervisor, seconded by Gary Lambrix. Roll call: Michelle Lewis - yes, Sheila Lingle - yes, Phil Stier - yes, Brian Carey II - yes, Gary Lambrix - yes. Motion carries.

Sheila Lingle made a motion to approve the wage resolution for the office of Clerk, seconded by Brian Carey II. Roll call: Sheila Lingle - yes, Phil Stier - yes, Brian Carey II - yes, Gary Lambrix - yes, Michelle Lewis - yes. Motion carries.

Brian Carey II made a motion to approve the wage resolution for the office of Treasurer, seconded by Phil Stier. Roll call: Phil Stier - yes, Brian Carey II - yes, Gary Lambrix - yes, Michelle Lewis - yes, Sheila Lingle - yes. Motion carries.

Michelle Lewis made a motion to approve the wage resolution for the office of Trustee, seconded by Gary Lambrix. Roll call: Brian Carey II - no, Gary Lambrix - yes, Michelle Lewis - yes, Sheila Lingle - yes, Phil Stier - yes. Motion carries.

D. Mowing Bid:

Brian Carey II made a motion to accept the mowing bid for a 2 year contract, seconded by Sheila Lingle. Roll call: Gary Lambrix - yes, Michelle Lewis - yes, Sheila Lingle - yes, Phil Stier - yes, Brian Carey II - yes. Motion carries.

12. Next meeting March 13, 2024

13. Adjourn

Sheila Lingle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 PM, seconded by Gary Lambrix. Motion carries.